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July 11, 2007

Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N W. Washington, DC 20423-0001 WILLIAM BE

Re. AB-865-0-X; Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption in Henry County, Indiana

Dear Secretary Williams

Enclosed please find the original and ten copies of the Rebuttal Verified Statement of William E. Smith, the Rebuttal Verified Statement of Ken Pritchard, and the Rebuttal Statement of Facts and Argument of Honey Creek Railroad and Reply to Motion to Reopen AB-865-X and Reconsider Decisions Therein and to Consolidate AB-865-X and FD 34869.

Please time stamp the copy of this letter and return it in the self addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose. All copies of the foregoing documents have been served on all parties of record.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD R. WILSON, P.C

Richard R. Wilson, Esq.

Attorney for Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.

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Before the SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



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VERIFIED REBUTTAL STATEMENT OF KEN PRITCHARD

My name is Ken Pritchard I am a railroad marketing consultant affiliated with Transmark Associates, Inc., 300 E. Walnut Street, Corydon, Indiana. I work with a number of short line railroads in Ohio and Indiana. I have over 35 years of experience in the railroad industry including positions as Assistant Vice-President, Sales for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Company (1972-1976); Regional Sales Manager for Consolidated Rail Corporation (1976-1987) and a sales consultant for Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, short line railroads and industrial rail customers (1989 to present). I am familiar with and have personal knowledge of the manner in which Class I rail carriers publish rates for corn and other grains throughout the mid-west. I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.

During the 1990s, Consolidated Rail Corporation, CSX Transportation, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Corp. each published common carrier tariffs containing a mileage scale

of commodity rates for corn and other grain for shipments originating in Indiana and other Midwestern states for delivery to out of state destinations based on the mileage between various origins and destinations. For example, Norfolk Southern published its mileage scale for corn rates in Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Freight Tariff NS 4400H (Exhibit A). This tariff applied to all Norfolk Southern stations in Indiana and other named states. Item 3: 3000.00-B lists the commodities to which these scale rates applied including 01-132-15 Corn or Maise (not popcorn), shelled, dried. As you can see from Page 2 of the tariff, the rate scale established rates in dollars and cents per 2000 pounds in 10 mile increments and on Page 3 note 1 these prices applied only between NS stations assigned freight station accounting code numbers 1 through 66999. Reference to the Official Railroad Station List, OPSL 6000-P issued March 1, 1999 effective March 15, 1999 reveals that Sulphur Springs carried a Norfolk Southern freight station accounting code of 66051 and a Honey Creek Railroad accounting code of 3. Rates applicable to Muncie, Indiana applied to Sulphur Springs, IN and accordingly rates published in NS tariff 4400-H applied to corn originating at Sulphur Springs, Indiana for shipment to various destinations throughout the South. Thus, these two tariffs constitute the holding out of common carrier rail service by HCR and Norfolk Southern from Sulphur Springs, Indiana. Today, Norfolk Southern publishes a similar mileage scale of commodity rates for corn traffic originating in Indiana in PDF format on its website.

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VERIFICATION

I, Ken Pritchard, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

CORTECT.

Ken Pritchard

SUBJECT TO INCREASES AS PROVIDED IN ITEM 9.

TRANSMARK ASSOCIATES INC

SUPPLEMENT TO

NS 4400-H

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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SUPPLEMENT 4

TO

FREIGHT TARIFF NS 4400-H

SUPPLEMENTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 CONTAIN ALL CHANGES

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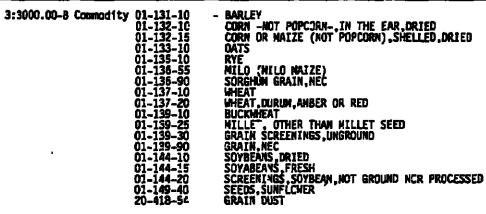
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SUPPLEMENT 4 TO TARIFF NS 4400-H

SECTION 3 MILEAGE RATES FROM AND TO POINTS ON NS

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NOTE 1: FROM NS STATIONS MT. CARNEL, IL MAUD, IL, BELLHONT, IL, BROWNS, IL, MOCN, IL, SINS, IL, AND WAYNE CITY, IL APPLY THE RATE BASE NUMBER APPLICABLE FROM CARNI, IL TO DESTINATION.

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C PRICE APPLIES ONLY BETWEEN NS
STATIONS ASSIGNED FSAC NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 66999.

NOTE 2: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN RAILROAD OWNED OR LEASED COVERED HOPPER CAR. APPLIES ONLY IN CARS WITH CAPACITY OVER 4,199 CUBIC FEET.

NOTE 3: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN RAILROAD OWNED
OR LEASED COVERED HOPPER CAR.
APPLICABLE ONLY WHEN CARS OF LESS
THAN-4200 CUBIC FEET CAPACITY ARE FURNISHED FOR CARRIER'S
CONVENIENCE.
RATES APPLY ONLY IN CARS CHIED OR
LEASED BY NS WITH REPORTING MARKS: ITC, NKP, MJI, NS, NW, SOU.
NAB, ACY AND C3. ALSO APPLIES CN PLCX AND TLCX CARS LEASED BY NS
TO HAUL STCC'S DIXXXXX AND 209XXXX.

NOTE 4: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN SHIPPER OWNED
OR LEASED COVERED HOPPER CARS.
NO MILEAGE ALLOWANCES PAID TO CONSIGNOR. CONSIGNEE OR OWNER OF CAR.

NCTE 5: ONE DAY (24 HOURS) FREE TIME WILL

BE ALLOWED FOR LOADING AND TWO DAYS (48 HOURS) FOR UNLOADING OF EACH CAR, TIME TO BE COMPUTED FROM THE FIRST 12:01 A.M. FOLLOWING ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE PLACEMENT. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FREE TIME ALLOWED, DETENTION WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT THE FOLLOWING CHARGES PER CAR, PER DAY, OR FRACTION OF A DAY, UNTIL CAR IS RELEASEC.

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A CAR IS PLACED ON A SATURDAY, SUNDAY OR LEGAL HOLIDAY, TIME WILL
BE COMPUTED FROM THE FIRST WORKING DAY FOLLOWING THE SATURDAY,
SUNDAY OR LEGAL HOLIDAY.
NOT SUBJECT TO AVERAGE AGREEMENT.
NOT SUBJECT TO TRANSIT PRIVILEGES OF
ANY KIND, INCLUDING THE PRIVILEGES OF DIVERSION, RECONSIGNMENT,
OR INSPECTION.
RECIPROCAL SWITCHING CHARGES
AT ORIGIN OR DESTINATION, IF ANY, WILL BE IN
ADDITION TO THE RATE.
NOT APPLICABLE AS PROPORTIONAL RATES
FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTING ALL RAIL COMBINATIONS ON SHIPMENTS
RECEIVED FROM CSXT AT STATIONS IN THE STATES OF AL, FL, GA,
LA, MD, NS, NC, SC, TW, VA OR WV.





SUBJECT TO INCREASES AS PROVIDED IN ITEM 9.

MS 4400-H CANCELS MS 4400-G

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PLAN OF TARIFF

(for information only. The application of this tariff will be governed by the precise terms and conditions stated elsewhere herein, and not by this "Plan of Tariff.")

SECTION	N CONTENTS .								
(Pages 9 to 16)	Contains Specific Commodity Rates from and to points on MS which will apply regardless of the rates between the same points applicable in section 3 of this tariff. Rates in this section DO NOT alternate with rates in section 3 of this tariff.								
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JOINT SPECIFIC COMMODITY RATES FROM AND TO POINTS NAMED ON COMMECTING LINES RATES ARE APPLICABLE ONLY VIA ROUTES SHOWN BELOW

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	BOACECER
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APPLICABLE BETWEEN STATIONS ON MORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY ROUTED VIA MS DIRECT

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90	8.22	8.22	7.67	760	27.93	27.93 28.55	24.81
100	8.38	8.38	7.82	780	28.55	28.55	25.33
113	8.62	8.52	8.07	800	29.18	29.18	25.88
123	8.85	8.85	8.32	825	29.98	29.98	26.56
130	9.08	9.08	8.55	850	30.80	30.80	27.25
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SECTION 3 MILEAGE RATES FROM AND TO POINTS ON NS

Item 3:3000.00 --- Concluded ---

NOTE 1: FROM MS STATIONS MT. CARMEL, IL

MAUD, IL, BELLNONT. IL, BROWNS, IL, MOON, IL, SIMS, IL, AND

MAYNE CITY, IL APPLY THE RATE BASE NUMBER APPLICABLE FROM

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BASE NUMBER APPLICABLE FROM SHELDON, IL TO DESTINATION.

FROM MS STATION HANTINGBURG, IN APPLY THE RATE BASE NUMBER

APPLICABLE FROM OAKLAND CITY, IN TO DESTINATION.

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MOTE 2: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN RAILROAD OWNED OR LEASED COVERED HOPPER CAR.
APPLIES ONLY IN CARS WITH CAPACITY OVER 4,199 CUBIC FEET.

MOTE 3: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN RAILROAD OWNED

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NOTE 4: RATE APPLICABLE ONLY IN SHIPPER OWNED OR LEASED COVERED HOPPER CARS.
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NOTE 5: ONE DAY (24 HOURS) FREE TIME WILL
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DETENTION WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT THE FOLLOWING CHARGES
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OFFICIAL RAILROAD STATION LIST

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VERIFIED REBUTTAL STATEMENT OF WILLIAM E. SMITH

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

My name is William E. Smith and I am President and owner of Honey Creek Railroad Company, Inc. ("HCR"), and Morristown Grain Company. The purpose of this Verified Rebuttal Statement ("VRS") is to respond to contentions and factual inaccuracies raised by Mr. Gary L. Roberts in his June 26, 2007 response to the Petition for Declaratory Order which HCR filed with the Board on April 21, 2006. In that Petition, under an order from the Henry County, IN Circuit Court, HCR referred for the Board's consideration a narrow question concerning the application and interpretation of the Board's notice of abandonment consummation regulations under Indiana Code §32-23-11-6 (a)(2). In order to provide the Board with an accurate and complete record upon which to make a decision in this proceeding, I am authorized by HCR to file this statement for the Board's consideration.

MR. ROBERTS' CONTENTIONS

Incident to this proceeding, Mr. Roberts has obtained extensive document production and deposition testimony and attempts to attack HCR's status as a common carrier railroad under the ICC's acquisition and operating authority granted in Finance Docket No. 32332 and the Board's exempt abandonment authorization issued in AB-865-0-X; Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Henry County, Indiana. In Mr. Roberts' response to HCR's Petition for Declaratory Order, he asserts that various acts or omissions on the part of HCR prevented it from becoming a "railroad" or alternatively created a *de facto* abandonment which predated HCR's notice of exempt abandonment in AB-865-X and that the Board had no jurisdiction over the HCR/Sulphur Spings line. Based on these contentions, Mr. Roberts tries to assert that the HCR right of way reverted to him and that he was therefore entitled to remove HCR railroad track and related rail facilities from the HCR right of way and convert them to his personal use not withstanding that HCR had yet to file a Notice of Consummation with the Board.

HISTORY OF HCR LINES AND OPERATIONS

Morristown Grain Company has three plant locations. We operate a plant in Morristown, Indiana which is directly served by CSX Transportation, Inc. We also operate a plant at Rushville, Indiana which was originally served by Norfolk Southern and then by Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation. Finally, we operated the plant at Sulphur Springs, Indiana which was originally served by Consolidated Rail Corporation.

In 1982, Norfolk Southern abandoned the Rushville line¹ but it was subsequently acquired by Indiana Hi-Rail in 1983 for non common carrier operations.² After 1983 and under IHRC ownership and operation, traffic continued to diminish on the Rushville line until our Rushville plant was the only active shipper on the Mays-Rushville segment. In 1988 Indiana Hi-Rail terminated its rail service on the line from New Castle to Mays just north of our Rushville plant (See Exhibit A).

On March 23, 1993, I incorporated HCR, Inc. in order to preserve rail service at Morristown Grain's Rushville and Sulphur Springs plant locations (Exhibit B). In early 1993, I was approached by Indiana Hi-Rail and asked if I wanted to acquire the line from the connection with CSXT to our Rushville plant in order to preclude it from being scrapped by Indiana Hi-Rail. On August 20, 1993, HCR agreed to purchase the Rushville line from Indiana Hi-Rail to preserve continued rail access from our Rushville plant to CSXT (Exhibit C). On September 3, 1993 and September 30, 1993, Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation deeded the Rushville line to HCR. (Exhibit D)

In the summer of 1993 I was also approached by Consolidated Rail Corporation and advised that it intended to abandon its line from New Castle through Sulphur Springs to Anderson, Indiana. Conrail inquired whether I would be willing to purchase the line from New Castle, Indiana to our Sulphur Springs plant in order to preserve common carrier rail service and I indicated that we would do so. On August 2, 1993 HCR executed an agreement of sale to acquire the Sulphur Springs line from Conrail. (Exhibit E)

On August 26, 1993, HCR, Inc. filed an ICC Verified Notice of Exemption for Acquisition of the Sulphur Springs line from Conrall under 49 U S.C. §10901 (Exhibit F)

Docket No AB-10 (Sub No 11) Norfolk and Western Railway Co – Abandonment Between New Castle and Rushville in Henry County, IN, (Served Nov. 4, 1982)

² F.D. 30169, <u>Indiana Hi-Rail Corp. – Exemption from 49 U.S.C. Title IV. – Operations between New Castle and Rushville, IN</u>

and on September 9, 1993 HCR received a \$200,000 loan from the Indiana Department of Transportation for the acquisition and rehab of the Sulphur Springs line. (Exhibit G) On September 10, 1993 Conrail deeded the Sulphur Springs line to HCR. (Exhibit H) On September 20, 1993, the STB issued HCR exempt common carrier acquisition and operating authority effective September 3, 1993 in Finance Docket 32332 for the Sulphur Springs line.

Thus, Honey Creek Railroad began common carrier operations on the Sulphur Springs line in the fall of 1993 and began private contract operations on the Rushville line at approximately the same time. Rail operations of both lines were provided by Morristown Grain employees and were managed by the Morristown Grain plant managers on each line to facilitate coordinated rail movements of unit grain train cars for interchange with CSXT (on the Rushville line) and Conrail and later Norfolk Southern (at New Castle, Indiana on the Sulphur Springs line).

The Morristown Grain plant at Sulphur Springs was the only active point of origin on the Sulphur Springs line. HCR did handle the delivery to Sulphur Springs of a generator for the peaking station at Cadiz, IN in 1995 or 1996 but that was a one time move. As indicated by the Norfolk Southern short line profile, HCR operated the Sulphur Springs line as a common carrier railroad under a handling line arrangement with Norfolk Southern. (Exhibit I) Under that arrangement, Sulphur Springs was assigned a Norfolk Southern local freight station accounting code (66051) and HCR received a \$25.00 per car allowance from Norfolk Southern for each loaded grain train received or shipped from Sulphur Springs. Sulphur Springs, IN was also listed as a joint NS/HCR station taking rates applicable to Muncie, IN in the Official Railroad Station List OPSC-6000 tariff. (Exhibit J). Unit trains were received from and forwarded to Norfolk Southern on the

HCR interchange track located immediately adjacent to the switch connection with the Norfolk Southern line at New Castle, Indiana. HCR shipments were handled either in railroad owned cars or in shipper owned equipment until late 1999. (Exhibit J-1)

In almost all cases, the consignees or third parties purchased grain or stored grain at the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant and shipped it FOB origin and paid the freight charges on a collect basis to Norfolk Southern for traffic moving from the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant to multiple destinations on NS in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. For example, on June 29, 1999 (HCR's last year of operations on the Sulphur Springs line) Morristown Grain shipped a 50 car unit train to Cagle's Farm, Inc. in Dalton, GA and the collect freight bill was paid by Central States Enterprises in Heathrow, FL. Other unit train shipments occurred on February 18, 1999 to Basconville, SC; April 22, 1999 to Candor, NC; May 28, 1999 to Burch, NC; and July 6, 1999 to Harrisonburg, VA. One of our last unit train shipments occurred on December 11, 1999 to Liberty, NC. Thus, multiple customers purchased and shipped grain from Sulphur Springs to destinations throughout the United States but principally in the Southeast. (Exhibit J-1). On the other hand, at the Rushville plant, CSXT initially paid HCR an allowance of \$25.00 per car but subsequently discontinued that practice and since that time, Morristown Grain has subsidized the HCR operations on the Rushville line.

Under the 1993 HCR Conrail Purchase and Sale Agreement (Exhibit E), HCR agreed to acquire the Sulphur Springs line from Conrail, operate it as a common carrier railroad, assume all common carrier obligations with respect to the line and obtain an ICC exemption notice for the acquisition and operation of the line. In Appendix J, Freight Rates and Allowances, to the Agreement of Sale, Conrail agreed to absorb an HCR per car

allowance not exceeding \$50 per car and to apply line haul rates to and from Muncie, IN at stations on the Sulphur Springs line. Thus, HCR as a short line origin carrier did not participate in a division of the line haul rate and was not shown as a participating carrier in the line haul route. Rather, HCR was a common carrier agent for Conrail at Sulphur Springs. When Norfolk Southern acquired Conrail in 1996, it assumed our arrangements with Conrail and Sulphur Springs became a joint HCRR/NS station.

The point of this discussion is to confirm that HCR and its connecting line haul carriers participated in a standard railroad industry absorbed switching arrangement through which NS and HCR held out to the public to provide common carrier rail service to and from Sulphur Springs, IN. In fact, in the 2005 edition of the Open and Prepay Station List Tariff (Exhibit J), Sulphur Springs, IN is still listed as an HCR served station because HCR has yet to cancel its participation in that tariff publication.

In late December 1999, Morristown Grain experienced a cracked grain bin at its Sulphur Springs plant and on January 4, 2000, a second grain bin collapsed at the Sulphur Springs plant. (See Exhibit K) The 1999 summer had produced a particularly moisture laden harvest and when placed into storage, the grain expanded and ruptured the two storage tanks at the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant. The January 4, 2000 collapse caused grain to pour onto our plant property and onto the rail line and it took a considerable amount of time and effort to clean up the mess. In the meantime, we could not ship or receive grain by rail at the Sulphur Springs plant.

As a result of the loss which we suffered in December 1999, a dispute arose between Morristown Grain Company and its insurance carrier, Nationwide Insurance Company. Nationwide sought to limit its liability under our business interruption insurance policy and Morristown Grain was forced to sue Nationwide to enforce our

contract rights. Consequently, Morristown Grain could not obtain replacement insurance and was unable to resume operations at the Sulphur Springs plant. (Exhibit L) In July 2001 we discontinued plant operations at Sulphur Springs and HCR rail service was no longer needed for the Sulphur Springs plant.

As part of our adjustment to these business difficulties, it became necessary to upgrade the Rushville line, and in January 2001 HCR obtained INDOT approval for \$197,446 grant application to rehab the Rushville line. (Exhibit M) Given the price of relay rail, and given the uncertain future of the Sulphur Springs operations of Morristown Grain Company, we decided to remove the 132 pound rail from the Sulphur Spring branch in late 2001 beginning at the connection to NS at New Castle and continuing for 2.2 miles towards Sulphur Springs. We also removed a small segment of excess 132 lb. rail north of Highway 36 in Sulphur Springs. We then used this rail as part of the upgrade to the Rushville line. Since Morristown Grain was the only originator of rail traffic on the Sulphur Springs line, I knew HCR would not receive any request for rail service from other shippers. Moreover, depending upon the outcome of our litigation with the Nationwide Insurance Company, it was possible that in the foreseeable future HCR might either resume rail service or abandon the Sulphur Springs line.

On November 1, 2001, HCR advised Norfolk Southern that the Sulphur Springs line was out of service due to the collapse of the grain bins at the Sulphur Springs plant.

This notification is confirmed by the handwritten notation at the bottom of the HCR short line marketing profile (Exhibit I) indicating that HCR had advised Norfolk Southern of this fact. In December 2001, acting on this information, Norfolk Southern removed its switch connection with HCR until such time as the status of the Morristown Grain plant at Sulphur Springs could be determined. (Exhibit N) It should be noted that despite the HCR

track removal and the NS switch removal, HCR retained ownership of its right of way connecting to the NS line at New Castle so that it is still possible even today to reconnect our tracks to NS.

As indicated by the exchange of correspondence between various Indiana

Department of Transportation officials and Honey Creek Railroad in early 2002, (Exhibit

O) INDOT officials brought to my attention the fact that removal of the rail from the

Sulphur Springs line violated the security provisions of the 1993 INDOT loan we used to
acquire and rehabilitate the Sulphur Springs line. On September 22, 2002, INDOT

questioned me regarding the abandonment status of the Sulphur Springs line and I
indicated to INDOT at that time that HCR had concerns regarding what might happen to
the Sulphur Springs right of way if it were to be abandoned. As I recall, there had been
extensive litigation in Indiana regarding ownership of abandoned railroad rights of way and
I was uncertain as to how best to proceed. INDOT advised HCR that in its view, HCR
should file an abandonment application with the STB as soon as possible.

However, in 2002 we were still uncertain whether our litigation and negotiations with National Insurance Company would enable us to reopen the Sulphur Springs plant and resume rail shipments from that location. I understand we could have filed a discontinuance of service application with the STB to obtain authorization to discontinue rail service on the Sulphur Springs line but, quite frankly, I kept hoping we could settle with the insurance company and reopen our plant. Nonetheless, we were able to resolve the concerns raised by Indiana DOT regarding the rail removed from the Sulphur Springs line and installed the Rushville line. We agreed that Indiana DOT could simply transfer its security interest in those rails to the Rushville line and in September 2002 INDOT made the necessary UCC security filings to protect its interest in that rail.

Early in 2004, it became apparent to me that our litigation and settlement negotiations with Nationwide Insurance Company were not proceeding in a manner which would enable Morristown Grain Company to reopen the Sulphur Springs plant, and on July 28, 2004, HCR filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon the Sulphur Springs line. The Board issued its authorization order on August 20, 2004 and directed that HCR undertake various arrangements concerning public and recreation trail use and comply with various environmental requirements as well. The Board's order further directed that HCR file a Notice of Consummation of the abandonment authorization not later than one year from that date

As stated in our Petition for Declaratory Order, in June 2005, Mr. Roberts entered onto HCR property and, without any notice to or consent of HCR, began to remove rail from the northwest end of the line along portions of the HCR right of way adjacent to his property. Mr. Roberts removed the rail, had it cut up into scrap and, we understand it is presently in the possession of a scrap dealer. Unfortunately, by cutting the track into scrap, Mr. Roberts destroyed its utility and value as relay rail. The litigation HCR initiated in the Henry County Circuit Court seeks the recovery of the rail material and damages which HCR has incurred as the result of Mr. Roberts' wrongful removal and destruction of our rail.

HCR'S INTENT TO ABANDON

I must stress to the Board that not withstanding the removal of 2.2 miles of rail in 2001, it was not HCR's intent to abandon the Sulphur Springs line until it became apparent that the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant operations could not be resumed and HCR filed its Notice of Exemption with the Board in 2004. HCR removed the rail from the Sulphur Springs line in 2001 recognizing that it would be some time before a definite

answer as to what course of action Morristown Grain might take with respect to the Sulphur Springs plant. In the meantime, it seemed a waste to leave 132 pound rail unused and rusting on the Sulphur Springs line when HCR had an immediate need for the rail on the Rushville line. If Morristown Grain's settlement negotiations with the insurance company had resulted in a decision to reopen the Sulphur Springs plant, HCR would have replaced that 2.2 miles of track in order to recommence common carrier rail service to and from the Sulphur Springs plant.

In my experience, it is not uncommon for a railroad to pick up, relocate, and reinstall rail from one location to another on a rail line depending upon service and operating requirements. Since I owned and controlled both HCR and Morristown Grain Company, I knew for certain that there would be no request for common carrier rail service on the part of Morristown Grain customer's to which HCR would have to respond.

Accordingly, in these circumstances, there was very little possibility that HCR would be requested to provide rail service on the Sulphur Springs line. If such a request had been received, HCR would have put the line back in service.

Recently, I have been contacted by certain parties regarding the possible sale of the Sulphur Springs plant site and the HCR right of way for an ethanol plant. Since HCR has not filed its Notice of Consummation with the Board, HCR's right of way remains part of the national rail transportation network and I am investigating the possible opportunities available to sell or reactivate the Sulphur Springs plant and the HCR rail line for ethanol production or for other rail served businesses. If these plans materialize, it is possible that the HCR rail line could be reactivated and HCR might not consummate its abandonment authorization

Finally, it my understanding that railroad tracks and ties are personal property because they are not permanently fixed to the railroad right of way. When HCR purchased the Sulphur Springs line from Conrail, it acquired the right of way by a quit claim deed and the track and ties under a separate bill of sale. (Exhibit E) Thus, not withstanding Mr. Roberts' claim to a reversionary interest in the HCR right of way, his reversionary claims would have application only to an interest in real property, but not to the personal property of HCR which included the track and ties placed on HCR's right of way.

In the meantime, for purposes of HCR's state court litigation, I request that the Board address the Henry County Circuit Court's question of how the STB's Notice of Consummation regulations set out at 49 C.F.R. §1152 can be applied consistently with Indiana Code §32-23-11-6(a)(2).

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VERIFICATION

I, William E. Smith, President of Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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JOHN D HEFFNER

I am writing on behalf of our client Indiana Hi-Rail Corp., ("IHR") to request an informal nonbinding advisory opinion from your office on the following question. Specifically, IHR would like to confirm that it is free to abandon a short section of trackage previously exempted from ICC regulation without further notice or regulatory action. The facts are as follows.

In 1983, IHR purchased a line of railroad between New Castle and Rushville, IN ("the Rushville line"), for which the Norfolk & Western Railway had previously sought and obtained abandonment authority from the Commission in Docket No. AB-10 (Sub-No. 11), Norfolk and Western Railway Company - Abandonment Between New Castle and Rushville, in Henry and Rush Counties, Indiana (Served Nov. 4, 1982). Although THR had initially filed an offer of financial assistance with the Commission to acquire the line pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10905 (d)-(f), it did not purchase the ·line through those procedures. Consequently, the Commission granted N&W a certificate of abandonment. Subsequently, N&W and IHR reached an agreement for purchase and operation of the line. IHR then petitioned the Commission under 49 U.S.C. 10505 for an exemption from all provisions of subtitle IV of 49 U.S.C. On July 11, 1983, the Commission granted IHR's exemption request and it consummated the transaction. See, FD 30169, Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation - Exemption From 49 U.S.C. Title IV -- Operations Between New Castle and Rushville, IN.

IHR was granted a complete and permanent exemption from the provisions of Title IV of 49 U.S.C. The Commission found, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10505, that regulation is not necessary to carry out the goals of the rail transportation policy of section 10101a, and that in fact exemption would "reduce barriers to entry" and "enable IHR to conduct its business in a more efficient and economical manner." Opinion at p. 4. Furthermore,

the Commission found that the transaction was of limited scope, as was the exemption of IHR's 22.21-mile line from Subtitle IV. Finally, the Commission determined that the preservation of rail service (the alternative being abandonment) would maintain or increase competitive alternatives for the shippers on the line.

With respect to the question of labor protection, raised at the time, the Commission ruled that the transaction fell under 49 U.S.C. 10901, because IHR had taken over a line previously abandoned by N&W, as to which N&W had already provided labor protection. No demonstration had been made "to justify additional protection beyond that NW employees already are receiving as a result of our approval of the abandonment." Opinion at p. 5.

Thus, the Commission "exempt[ed] Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV including the acquisition and operation of the ... Rushville line." Opinion at p. 6.

IHR now seeks, with ample economic justification, to abandon a portion of the Rushville line, from m.p. 1.9 (New Castle) to m.p. 14.0 (near Mays). IHR firmly believes that it has no need to obtain Commission approval to abandon the trackage involved. It is of limited mileage and is a part of the line which the Commission has consistently treated as exempt from all of Title IV 'since the time of its abandonment by N&W.

Nor is there any reason to treat the abandonment of a portion of the line any differently than its acquisition and operation. The alternative to the original acquisition was permanent loss of service, since the line had already been abandoned. IHR has attempted to increase traffic on the line since its acquisition, and has been particularly unsuccessful on the portion of the line between Mays and New Castle.

Attached is a chart showing the traffic flow since 1983, and it is minimal on the northern portion of the line. Moreover, all of that traffic has either left the line or can easily be revouted via the southern end of the line. Much of the traffic routed through New Castle (none originates in the southern portion and flows north of Mays) was for the account of Atlantic

The Commission's order in FD No. 30169 stated that the exemption from Subtitle IV was granted, including (not "limited to") the acquisition and operation of the ... Rushville line." If there were any question as to the breadth of the exemption, that language should make clear that it was intended to be a complete exemption.

Veneer. ² That company, the only one on the northern portion of the line, has recently moved its operation to Connersville, IN, where it will continue to be served by IHR. It does not oppose the abandonment. All of the "other" traffic represented in the chart was routed through New Castle to customers on the southern end of the line. As is evident from the chart, virtually all of that now comes from the south, and all will be routed that way in the future.

In short, there is and will be no traffic on the northern portion of the Rushville line, and it constitutes an economic drag on IHR and provides no benefit to the community.

Indiana Hi-Rail's Rushville line is exempt from Subtitle IV. There is no reason to keep the Mays - New Castle portion of the line in service, since there are no customers to serve. Therefore, IHR requests an informal advisory opinion that it is free to abandon that portion of the line without having to obtain an exemption or authorization from the Commission.

For the Commission's convenience, attached to this letter are the following:

Copy of the Commission's decision in FD No. 30169
A map of the line and the area in question
Chart showing traffic from 1983 to date on the
Rushville line, as well as on that portion of it from Mays
to New Castle, the portion sought to be abandoned.

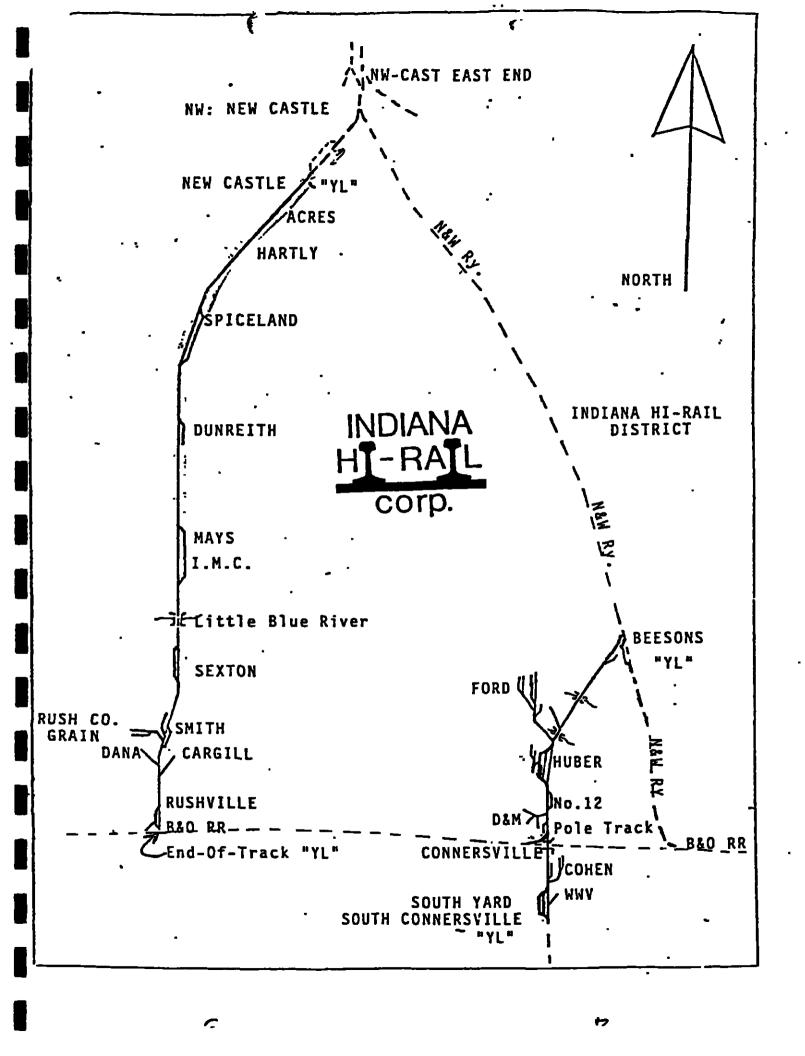
Sincerely

Mary Todd Foldes

Enclosures

CC: Leslie D. Miller, Esq.
Joseph Dettmar, Esq.
Mr. Powell Felix
Mr. David Smoot

Atlantic Veneer was responsible for the "logs" carloadings and for some of the "other" carloadings.



STATE OF INDIANA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.

I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, Secretary of State of Indiana, hereby certify that Articles of Incorporation of the above corporation, have been presented to me at my office accompanied by the fees prescribed by law; that I have found such

Articles conform to law; all as prescribed by the provisions of the

Indiana Business Corporation Law,

as amended.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby issue to such Corporation this Certificate of Incorporation, and further certify that its corporate existence will begin March 23, 1993.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this Twenty-third day of March , 1993

By Roralies H. Buchrer

Deputy

RUSHVILLE DISTRICT - PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this <u>20</u> day of August, 1993 between Honey Creek Railroad, Incorporated, hereinafter HCR, an Indiana corporation and Indiana Hi-Rail Corporations, hereinafter IHRC, an Indiana corporation,

WITNESSETH THAT:

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WHEREAS, IHRC owns a railroad line extending from a connection with CSX Transportation at MP 23.8 in Rushville and continuing northward to MP 18.0 all located in Rush County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as Rail Line and;

WHEREAS, HCR desires to purchase said Rail Line from IHRC for continued rail operations;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual considerations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

Description of the Property

IHRC agrees to sell and HCR agrees to purchase the Rail Line beginning at the connection with CSX Transportation and MP 23.8 in Rushville and continuing northward to end of track at MP 18.0 including the real property, railroad right-of-way, roadbed, main track, sidings, industrial tracks, depots, yards, storage and parking areas, culverts, bridges, buildings, structures, communication and signal facilities, fixtures, and all other appurtenances located between said mileposts all in "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, HABITABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

2. Purchase Price

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The purchase price shall be the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00).

Purchase Price 85,000.00
INDOT Loan assumed 16.929.19
Balance due at closing 68,070.18
(Prior to adjustment for interest in INDOT Loan)

3. Indiana Department of Transportation Loan

HCR shall assume all obligations for payment of interest and principal due the State of Indiana under loan IRSF-05 by novation. Appendix A attached hereto, outlines the repayment schedule under this loan. HCR shall assume a principal balance of \$16,929.19 on this loan. HCR and IHRC shall execute those reasonable documents the State may deem necessary in conjunction with the novation of this loan.

4. Closing

Closing shall take place on or before August 31, 1993 at a time and location mutually agreed upon by the parties.

5. Title

THRC shall transfer title to HCR by quit claim deed free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except the INDOT loan above identified. IHRC shall, at its cost, prepare a draft deed and title documentation. It shall be the sole responsibility of HCR to examine title to its satisfaction.

6. Regulatory Approval

It shall be sole the responsibility of HCR to obtain all regulatory approvals that may be required under this Agreement.

7. Possession

HCR shall assume possession of the property upon closing.

8. Property Taxes

IHRC shall be responsible for the payment of all property taxes and any penalty thereon which is due and payable during 1993, including the November 1993 property tax installment. HCR shall be responsible for the payment of all property taxes and any penalty thereon which is due after January 1, 1994.

9. Default

In the event of failure to Close by HCR without legal cause, IHRC shall, in addition to all other legal remedies, be entitled to sell or dispose of the Rail Line as it deems appropriate without further notice or obligation to HCR, except as prohibited by law or regulation.

10. Records

At Closing, IHRC shall provide HCR originals or copies of all track charts, engineering diagrams, valuation maps, licenses, leases or other documents pertaining to the Rail Line.

11. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced under the laws of the State of Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate, each part being an original, as of the day and year first above written.

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CORPORATE OUIT-CLAIM DEED

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation ("Grantor"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, CONVEYS AND QUITCLAIMS to Honey Creek Railroad, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the following described real estate in Rush County, Indiana, to-wit:

The connection line with CSX Transportation and the line conveyed by a Corporate Quit-Claim Deed executed September 3, 1993, by and between Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation and Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. including the real property, railroad right-of-way, road bed, main track, sidings, industrial tracks, depots, yards, storage and parking areas, culverts, bridges, buildings, structures, communication and signal facilities, fixtures and all other appurtenances located between said mileposts all in "as is, where is" condition and without any express or implied warranties, including, but not limited to, any warranties of merchantability, habitability, or fitness for a particular purpose.

The undersigned persons executing this deed on behalf of Grantor represent and certify that they are duly elected officers of Grantor and have been fully empowered, by proper resolution of the Board of Directors of Grantor, to execute and deliver this deed; that Grantor has full corporate capacity to convey the real estate described herein; and that all necessary corporate action for the making of such conveyance has been taken and done.

This is to certify under oath that no Indiana Gross Income Tax is due or payable in respect to the transfer made by this deed at this time. Grantor further certifies under oath that there are no liens on the above described property except the taxes assumed by Grantee and the loan at INDOT assumed by Grantee.

Recital: Grantee assumes and agrees to pay the 1993 taxes due and payable in 1994 and all other taxes subsequently levied on said real estate.

Send Tax Statements to: Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. P. O. Box 646 Morristown, Indiana 46161

In Witness Whereof, Grantor has caused this deed to be executed this ______ day of September, 1993.

(SEAL) ATTEST:

INDIANA HI-RAIL CORPORATION

Sandra Felix, Secretary

R. Powell Felix, President

State of Indiana,

County of Fayette, SS:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared R. Powell Felix and Sandra Felix respectively of Indiana Wi-Rail Corporation who acknowledged execution of the foregoing Deed for and on behalf of said Grantor, and who, having been duly sworn, stated that the representations therein contained are true.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30th day of September, 1993.

My Commission Expires:

September 22, 1990

Melissa Lanning
Notary Public residing in
Fayette County, Indiana

This instrument was prepared by William B. Keaton, attorney-atlaw, Keaton and Keaton, P.C., 126 West Second Street, Rushville, Indiana 46173.

Exhibit D

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All real estate, railroad right-of way, and improvements of the Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation railroad extending from the approximate mile post 17.35 at the center line of County Road 600N at the north line of Section 5, Township 14 North, Range 10 East; thence southerly through Jackson Township, part of Rushville Township and part of the City of Rushville to the north line of the right of way of the CSX Transportation, Inc. (B. & O.) Railroad in the north part of Section 5 and Section 6, Township 14 North, Range 10 East in Rush County, Indiana.

The undersigned persons executing this deed on behalf of Grantor represent and certify that they are duly elected officers of Grantor and have been fully empowered, by proper resolution of the Board of Directors of Grantor, to execute and deliver this deed; that Grantor has full corporate capacity to convey the real estate described herein; and that all necessary corporate action for the making of such conveyance has been taken and done.

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ATTEST:

Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation

Sandra Felix, Secretary

R. Powell Felix

President

State of Indiana, County of Fayette, SS:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared R. Powell Felix and Sandra Felix respectively of Indiana Hi-Rail Corporation who acknowledged execution of the foregoing Deed for and on behalf of said Grantor, and who, having been duly sworn, stated that the representations therein contained are true.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30 day of August,

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This instrument was prepared by William B. Keaton, attorney-at-law, Keaton and Keaton, P.C., 126 West Second Street, Rushville, Indiana

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PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, entered into as of this day of da

WHEREAS, Conrail owns and operates a rail line located in Henry County, State of Indiana, known as the Honey Creek Secondary Track, more fully described herein, and

WHEREAS, Purchaser has offered to purchase Conrail's interest in the Honey Creek Secondary Track as herein described, and Conrail is willing to sell its interest in the said Track, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser intends to operate the said Track as a common carrier railroad line, and will assume all common carrier obligations as to the property constituting the said Track; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached agreement concerning the terms and conditions of purchase and sale of said Track

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows

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SECTION I

PURCHASE AND SALE OF LINE

- Agreement and Description. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, A. Purchaser agrees to purchase from Conrail, and Conrail agrees to sell to Purchaser, all the right, title, and interest of Conrail in and to (1) the real estate which constitutes its Honey Creek Secondary Track, between approximately milepost 104.1 (its connection with Norfolk Southern Railway Company) and approximately milepost 110.05 (the north side of highway Route 600), containing a total of 5 95 route miles of railroad line, as more particularly described in the form of deed attached hereto as Appendix A, together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging (except as may be specifically reserved herein or in said deed), (ii) all fixtures and articles of personal property attached to or located on the said real estate as of the date of Closing, including but not limited to rail and other track materials and ties, wires, pipes, conduits, electrical or mechanical signal devices, and all other appurtenant devices that constitute personal property under the laws of Indiana, as more particularly described in the form of Bill of Sale attached hereto as Appendix B (except as may be specifically reserved herein or in said Bill of Sale); and (iii) all interests of Conrail in and to any leases, easements, licenses, permits, agreements, sidetrack agreements, and privileges pertaining to the said real estate, as more particularly described in the form of Assignment and Assumption, attached hereto as Appendix <u>C</u>
- B. <u>Definition of "Property"</u> Except where the usage and context hereof requires otherwise, all the real and personal property, appurtenances, rights and interests to be conveyed as aforesaid are hereinafter referred to as the "Property"

C. Consideration.

1. As consideration for the Property, Purchaser shall pay to

Conrail or its nominee the sum of \$100,000.00 ("Purchase Price"), of which \$15,000.00 shall be paid to Conrail or its nominee by certified check at the time Purchaser delivers to Conrail a fully executed counterpart of this agreement and the balance of which (\$85,000.00) shall be paid to Conrail or its nominee at Closing (as hereinafter defined) by wire transfer of immediately available funds

- 2. In the event of (i) a breach of this Agreement by Conrail that causes Purchaser to terminate this agreement, (ii) termination of this agreement by mutual agreement of Conrail and Purchaser, (ii) termination of this agreement pursuant to Section VIII.C (1) or (2), or VIII C.(3)(b) of this Agreement, Conrail shall refund the initial payment of \$15,000.00. In the event of (a) a breach of this Agreement by Purchaser that causes Conrail to terminate this Agreement, or (b) termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section VIII C (3)(a) of this agreement. Conrail shall be entitled to retain the initial payment of \$15,000.00, as liquidated damages.
- D. Allocation of Consideration The consideration payable pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall be allocated among the assets to be acquired as set forth in the Allocation Schedule attached hereto as Appendix D. The Allocation Schedule shall be binding on Conrail and Purchaser as to the allocation of the consideration for all purposes, including federal tax purposes. Neither party shall allocate the consideration in a manner different from the allocation contained in the Allocation Schedule in any tax return or other document.
- E. <u>Like-Kind Exchange</u>. Conrail has elected to utilize a Qualified Intermediary within the meaning of Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treas Reg §1 1031(k)-1(g), for the purpose of completing a tax-deferred exchange under said Section 1031. Conrail shall bear all expenses associated with the use of Qualified Intermediary, or necessary to qualify this transaction as a tax-deferred exchange, and, except as otherwise provided herein,

shall protect, reimburse, indemnify and hold harmless Purchaser from and against any and all reasonable and necessary additional costs, expenses including attorneys fees, and habilities which Purchaser may incur as a result of Conrail's use of Qualified Intermediary or the qualification of this transaction as a tax-deferred transaction pursuant to said Section 1031 Conrail's representations and warranties and the allocation of habilities hereunder shall not be affected by Conrail's use of Qualified Intermediary. Subject to the provisions provided above, Purchaser shall cooperate with Conrail with respect to this tax-deferred exchange, and shall, upon request of Conrail, execute such documents as may be required to effect said tax-deferred exchange

F. Title.

- 1. Title to the real estate, buildings, improvements and appurtenances shall be delivered at Closing by quitclaim deed in the form attached hereto as Appendix A. Title to the fixtures and personal property shall be conveyed by Bill of Sale in the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Conrail's interests in any leases, easements, licenses, permits, agreements, sidetrack agreements and privileges shall be delivered to and accepted by Purchaser at Closing by Assignment and Assumption in the form attached hereto as Appendix C.
- Title to the Property shall be conveyed without covenants or warranties of any nature except those specifically set forth in this Agreement, and conveyance shall be subject to (1) whatever rights the public may have to the use of any roads, alleys, bridges or streets on or crossing the Property, (2) streams, rivers, creeks and waterways passing under, across or through the Property, (3) the reservations contained in the deed attached as Appendix A or in the Bill of Sale attached hereto as Appendix B, if any, (4) any and all existing tenancies, encumbrances, easements, rights, trackage rights, licenses, permits, privileges,

agreements, sidetrack agreements, third party claims, covenants, conditions, restrictions, rights of re-entry, possibilities of reverter, existing laws and ordinances, and orders of regulatory agencies, and (5) any pipes, wires, poles, cables, culverts, drainage courses or systems, or other facilities on or crossing the Property, together with the rights of any person entitled thereto to maintain, repair, renew, replace, use or remove the same. Said conveyance shall not, however, be subject to mortgage, tax or other liens for the payment of money. Conrail shall make its best efforts to obtain the release of any such liens prior to Closing at its own cost and expense. If Conrail is unable to obtain the release of any such liens prior to Closing, it will indemnify Purchaser for any cost or expense incurred by Purchaser as a result of any such liens.

G Possession. Possession of the Property shall be delivered "as is" on the date of Closing, subject to the provisions of Subsection F above, and to any state of facts that an accurate survey or a prudent inspection of the Property would disclose, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

SECTION II

GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS

A Preparation and Filing.

1. Purchaser, at its own cost and expense, shall prepare and file with any federal, state or local regulatory agency or department that has jurisdiction over all or any part of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement, all applications, petitions, requests, notices or other necessary filings, including appropriate filings or exemptions under 49 U.S.C. 10901, and Purchaser shall do and take all actions necessary and prudent to obtain the requisite approvals, other authorizations, or exemptions from the necessity of such approvals to permit consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement at the earliest practicable date. Contail shall have the right to review and approve all such

documents prior to filing and, upon its approval of such documents, Conrail shall support fully the efforts of Purchaser to obtain such governmental approvals or exemptions.

- 2 Purchaser shall file such documents not later than 10 days after the execution of this agreement (provided Conrail has already indicated its approval of drafts of such documents) or 2 days after Conrail has provided its final approval of drafts of such documents, whichever date is the later. Purchaser agrees at its own expense to oppose any petition to reopen, reconsider or stay a regulatory order or authorization approving or exempting this transaction or any part thereof, and to defend any judicial action brought by any person challenging or otherwise contesting any necessary regulatory approval or contesting the right of either party to consummate this transaction
- В. Responsibility for Labor Protection. The parties hereto have entered into this agreement on the premise that no labor protective conditions will be imposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission ("ICC"). In the event the ICC should impose labor protective conditions, Purchaser, subject to its rights pursuant to Section III.A.(d) hereof to declare such conditions unacceptable and to refuse to close this purchase, shall be responsible for the costs of, and shall reimburse Conrail for, any labor protection expense, consisting of payments required to be made to employees of Conrail or Purchaser pursuant to any labor protective conditions imposed by the ICC in connection with its exemption or approval of the sale and conveyance of the Property

SECTION III

CLOSING

- Conditions Precedent The obligations of the parties to effect Α. Closing are subject to the following conditions precedent:
 - Purchaser shall have performed and complied with all terms

and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed by Purchaser prior to Closing.

- (b) Conrail shall have performed and complied with all terms and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed by Conrail prior to Closing
- (c) Purchaser shall have obtained the requisite ICC exemption or approval of this transaction and, as of the date of Closing, such exemption or approval shall be in effect and not subject to a stay, restraining order or injunction with respect to approval of this transaction
- (d) The ICC exemption or approval of the transaction is not subject to any condition, including the imposition of labor protection expense, that either Purchaser or Conrail reasonably determines to be unacceptable. Any conditions imposed shall be presumed to be acceptable unless the affected party gives notice to the other within five business days of the service date of the ICC exemption or approval decision or order that the condition is unacceptable, and the reason therefor.
- (e) Any other governmental or regulatory approvals, authorizations or exemptions necessary under state, federal or local law or regulation for consummation of the transaction have been obtained.
- (f) The representations of Conrail set forth in Section VI hereof shall be true at Closing, or, if modified in writing by Conrail prior to or at Closing, such modifications are acceptable to Purchaser. If any such modification is not acceptable to Purchaser, then Purchaser may terminate this Agreement under the terms of Section VIII.C.2 hereof
- (g) Purchaser is reasonably satisfied that the Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale to be delivered by Conrail will convey a sufficient interest in the Property to allow Purchaser to conduct common carrier rail freight operations

thereon. The Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale will be presumed to be satisfactory unless Purchaser has advised Conrail of specific defects in the title not less than 15 business days before the Closing date.

B <u>Date and Place</u>. Unless otherwise agreed between the parties hereto, Closing will be held at the office of Conrail's Asset Development Department, Six Penn Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on a mutually agreeable date ("Closing") that is not later than the later of (a) 30 calendar days following the date of this Agreement as specified in the preamble hereof, or (b) 15 business days after all the conditions precedent to closing set forth above have been warved or met Unless otherwise specifically provided herein for a particular purpose, Closing shall be deemed to occur on the date of Closing at 11:59 p.m.

C Delivery of Documents

- 1 At Closing, Conrail shall deliver to Purchaser the following documents
- (a) The aforesaid Quitclaim Deed in the form of <u>Appendix A</u>, duly executed and acknowledged to enable Purchaser to file such quitclaim deed for recordation in the jurisdictions in which the real property is located, and a duly executed Bill of Sale in the form of <u>Appendix B</u>
- (b) A duly executed Assignment and Assumption by Conrail to Purchaser, in the form attached hereto as Appendix C, of all leases, easements, licenses, permits, agreements, sidetrack agreements and privileges pertaining to the real property and to be assigned to Purchaser. If any such documents pertain partly to the real property and partly to other property now or formerly owned by Conrail, the Assignment and Assumption will assign to Purchaser only the portion thereof which relates to the real property.

- 2. At Closing, or within 90 days thereafter, Conrail shall (a) make available to Purchaser or its designated representative, and surrender possession of, the following: (i) Track charts and valuation maps pertaining to the Property, (ii) Conrail's executed counterparts of any and all known pertinent leases, easements, licenses, permits, agreements, sidetrack agreements, privileges, and deed records which relate solely to the Property, and copies of any such documents which relate in part to the Property and in part to other property now or formerly owned by Conrail; (iii) a schedule of all known security deposits relating to the Property and held by Conrail as of the date of Closing; and (iv) Conrail's separate check in the aggregate amount of any and all known security deposits pursuant to the aforesaid agreements relating to the Property. Purchaser shall execute a receipt for all security deposits paid over hereunder, and shall execute an agreement releasing Conrail, and holding Conrail free and harmless from, any liability for any misapplication of such security deposits made after Closing.
- (b) If, at any time subsequent to Closing, any security deposit or lease, easement, license, permit, agreement, sidetrack agreement or other document pertaining to the Property and not previously delivered to Purchaser hereunder shall be found to exist, Conrail will promptly deliver said security deposit or document to Purchaser, upon the execution by Purchaser of a receipt and release as provided in Paragraph (a) hereof Purchaser will, upon request of Conrail or upon discovery thereof, return to Conrail any security deposit or lease, easement, license, permit, agreement, sidetrack agreement or other document, which does not pertain to the Property but which may have been delivered or paid to Purchaser in error.
 - 3 At Closing, Purchaser shall deliver to Conrail the following:
- (a) evidence of a completed wire transfer of immediately available funds to Conrail's Escrow Holder pursuant to an escrow agreement with

- (b) an opinion of counsel in the form attached hereto as <u>Appendix</u> E.
- 4 As soon as practicable after Closing, Purchaser shall record the quitclaim deed delivered by Conrail in each jurisdiction in which any part of the Property is located.

D. Apportionments

- 1. Real estate transfer taxes and sales or use taxes, if any, imposed by law shall be borne and paid by Purchaser. Real property taxes, utility charges, rents, income from leases, easements, licenses, permits, agreements, and privileges, if any, and any other revenues and expenses pertaining to the Property, shall be apportioned between the parties as of the date of Closing, regardless of the date assessed, paid or payable. Any special taxes or assessments levied, due and unpaid on the Property prior to Closing shall be paid by Conrail. In respect to any payments made by or to either party, whether before or after Closing, appropriate remittances shall be made promptly to assure that such items are apportioned as of the date of Closing. Either party shall have the right, for a period of one year after Closing, to audit (at its own expense) the books and records of the other party which pertain to expenses and revenues to be apportioned hereunder.
- 2 If Conrail at Closing is in possession of funds received from a third party and intended to cover the cost of work to be performed or materials to be acquired pertaining to the Property pursuant to a contract or agreement to be assigned at Closing, Conrail shall pay to Purchaser any portion of said funds as are attributable to work that has not been completed or materials that have not been acquired on the date of Closing
- 3 At Closing Purchaser shall sign, and deliver to Conrail for mailing, a joint letter in the form attached hereto as <u>Appendix G</u>, requesting all

persons as identified in said letter providing electric, gas, water, telephone or other utility services to the Property or any part thereof, to transfer such services and billing therefor to Purchaser, effective at Closing, and to issue a final bill to Conrail for such utility service. Purchaser shall refund to Conrail any payments previously made by Conrail for utility services furnished or to be furnished after Closing.

- 4. All recording costs and filing fees required to be paid with respect to documents under this Agreement, and the cost of a survey, if one is required, shall be the sole responsibility of Purchaser
- 5 Each party hereto shall be entitled to avail itself of any exemption from the payment of any taxes or fees which it may enjoy.

SECTION IV

RAIL SERVICE

- A. Interim Operations Except and to the extent required by unforeseen emergencies, from the date of execution of this Agreement until Closing or until termination of this Agreement pursuant to its terms, Conrail shall not alter or modify the Property except in the ordinary course of business, and shall conduct its operations on the Property in the ordinary course of business, consistent with its past practice, except that Conrail shall have no obligation to repair or restore the premises in the event of an unforeseen casualty or other damage to the Property In the event of such casualty or other loss, Purchaser may elect to terminate this agreement pursuant to Section VIII.C 1 hereof, or to accept the Property in its condition at Closing without abatement of the purchase price and without recourse to Conrail for the condition of the Property.
- B <u>Transition of Operations</u>. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the orderly transition of rail freight operations on the Property and the apportionment of transportation revenues and expenses shall be governed by the terms of

Appendix H attached hereto.

- C Interchange. The interchange of freight and equipment between Conrail and Operator after Closing shall take place at Muncie, IN, pursuant to terms agreeable to all involved parties
- D. Rates Rates for freight traffic originating, terminating or moving over the Property after Closing and interchanged with Conrail shall be governed by the terms set forth in Appendix I attached hereto
- E. Abandonment of Connecting Rail Line. If Conrail seeks ICC authority to abandon or discontinue service on the rail line between Anderson, Indiana and the Property after Closing, neither Purchaser nor any corporate affiliate of Purchaser shall oppose, or support any other party in opposing, the abandonment or discontinuance proceeding before the ICC

SECTION V

INSPECTIONS

A. Inspection of the Property Conrail will permit Purchaser and its employees or agents, upon prior notice and upon execution by Purchaser of a standard release, indemnity and confidentiality agreement satisfactory to Conrail, and execution of a release by all such employees and agents, to enter upon the Property prior to Closing, at reasonable times to be specified by Conrail, for the purpose of conducting a visual inspection or survey of the Property. Purchaser may examine, inspect, or test the Property consistent with the completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Portable instruments for non-invasive on-site chemical testing may be utilized but no boring or sampling for off-site testing or other invasive testing shall be allowed without the specific permission of Conrail in writing. Any such activities by Purchaser on the Property shall not interfere with the normal operations of Conrail thereon without the prior approval of Conrail, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Conrail shall be

furnished with a copy of any report of the inspection or survey, and Purchaser shall not disclose the results of the inspection or survey to any third party without the prior consent of Conrail in writing, unless required to do so by law

- B. <u>Hi-Rail Inspection</u>. Upon request of Purchaser, Conrail shall arrange for a hi-rail inspection of the Property The requisite vehicles (unless otherwise agreed) and drivers shall be provided by, and be under the control of, Conrail. Provision shall be made for up to two vehicles to participate in the inspection without charge to Purchaser For any additional vehicles or subsequent hi-rail inspections, Conrail shall be entitled to reimbursement of its actual costs.
- C. <u>Inspection of Documents</u>. At any time after the effective date of this Agreement and prior to Closing, Conrail will allow Purchaser, at Purchaser's own cost and expense, to segregate, inspect and photocopy (for a reasonable fee to cover costs) during normal business hours and at a location designated by Conrail, all leases, licenses and other agreements described in Section III.C.2 hereof, and existing track charts and valuation maps of the Property.

SECTION VI

REPRESENTATIONS OF CONRAIL

Conrail hereby represents to Purchaser that the following shall be true as of the day of Closing, except as modified in writing by Conrail on or prior to the date of Closing Conrail makes no other representations, express or implied

- No affiliate of Conrail has any interest in the Property, except to the extent provided in a deed or other instrument of public record
- 2. The execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, any mortgage or deed of trust given by Conrail and applicable to the Property.
 - 3 Conrail presently conducts or holds itself out to conduct rail

- 4. To the best knowledge of Conrail after reasonable investigation, there is no civil, criminal or administrative proceeding, arbitration or action pending before any court, administrative agency, or arbitration panel, against or affecting the Property, or Conrail's right to conduct rail freight transportation operations on the Property, the result of which, in the opinion of Conrail counsel, is likely to be an adverse decision that would materially and adversely affect Purchaser's ability to conduct common carrier rail freight transportation operations on the Property after Closing
- 5 To the best knowledge of Conrail after reasonable investigation, there are no formal proceedings pending against Conrail before any administrative agency or court, based upon an allegation that a condition on the Property constitutes a violation of any environmental statute or regulation and the outcome of which, if adverse to Conrail, would be an order or judgment enforcing such statute or regulation.
- The Property is not "Real Property" within the meaning of the Indiana Responsible Property Transfer Act, Burns Ind. Stat. Ann. 13-7-22 5-6 because it (1) does not contain one or more facilities which are subject to reporting under Section 312 of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 and federal regulations promulgated thereunder, (2) does not have underground storage tanks and (3) is not listed on the CERCLIS (42 U.S C 9616)

SECTION VII

ALLOCATION OF LIABILITY

A. <u>Definition of "Obligations"</u>. As used in this section, the term "Obligations" shall be broadly construed, and shall include, without limitation, legal obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities to any person, firm, corporation or

governmental body, and the legal responsibility to assume losses, damages, and costs, that arise out of, by virtue of, or pursuant to

- (i) any federal or state statute, principle of common law, or municipal ordinance.
- (ii) any rule, regulation, order, decision, judgment, decree, mandate or directive of any court or other tribunal, or of any governmental agency, body, instrumentality, or political subdivision, or
- (iii) any deed, contract, or other legally relevant or legally operative instrument.

"Obligations," as defined herein, shall include, without limitation, obligations, responsibilities, losses, and liabilities in connection with, in respect to, or arising out of, (i) damage to or the loss of any property, or personal injury or wrongful death of any person, (ii) costs and expenses incurred for any purpose whatsoever (including costs incurred for remedial or corrective action, containment, clean-up, repair work and response to claims and actions), and (iii) assessments, fees, fines, penalties, judgments, awards, orders, and decrees Except where otherwise specified, "Obligations," as herein defined shall include obligations that accrue, in whole or in part, prior to Closing as well as those arising after Closing.

- B. Allocation of Specific Obligations Except as otherwise agreed by the parties in any other document and to the extent stated in such other document, the parties shall, as between themselves, allocate obligations pertaining to the Property in accordance with this Section, without regard to considerations of fault or negligence.
- Licenses and Agreements. Purchaser shall be responsible for all Obligations arising after Closing or allocable to the period after Closing under the licenses and other instruments assigned to Purchaser at Closing by the Assignment and Assumption referred to in Section III(C)(1)(b) hereof Contail

shall be responsible for any such Obligations arising before or allocable to the period before Closing.

Personal Injury and Property Damage. Purchaser shall be responsible for all Obligations arising out of personal injury to or the death of persons or loss of, or damage to, property (including the employees and property of the parties hereto, as well as the employees and property of third parties) occurring on or about the Property after Closing. Conrail will be responsible for all such Obligations with respect to occurrences on or about the Property between the date of this Agreement and Closing, except that any such Obligations that arise from any activity on the Property by Purchaser or its agents, employees, or contractors shall be the responsibility of Purchaser.

3 Toxic or Hazardous Substances.

- (a) Toxic or Hazardous Substances, as used in this Subsection, shall mean any material or substance that is defined or classified as a "hazardous substance" pursuant to Section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §9601(14)) or Section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1321); a "hazardous waste" pursuant to Section 1004 or Section 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. §§6903, 6921), a toxic pollutant under Section 307(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(a)(1)), a "hazardous air pollutant" under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7412), or a "hazardous material" under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990 (49 U.S.C. App. §1802(4)).
- (b) Purchaser shall be responsible for Obligations which arise from the existence or presence of Toxic or Hazardous Substances (as herein defined) in, on or about the Property (hereinafter "Toxic Contamination") after Closing, except as provided in Subsection (c) below

(c) Conrail shall be responsible for Obligations arising from such Toxic Contamination, provided that prior to the date hereof Conrail was on written site-specific notice from a regulatory or governmental body that such Toxic Contamination resulted from a condition that is or might be a violation of applicable environmental laws or regulations in effect and as interpreted on the effective date of this Agreement, or that such condition is in violation of Conrail's representation contained in Section VI.5 hereof. Conrail's liability for any Obligation for which it is otherwise responsible hereunder shall be no greater than that resulting from the condition of the Property at Closing. Purchaser shall be responsible for any Obligation arising from Toxic Contamination resulting from a condition created as a result of Purchaser's possession of, or operations on, the Property, or any ongoing, continuing, migrating or subsequent release or contamination, or any increase in remediation or contaminent costs or liability, as a result of events occurring after Closing, including the passage of time

(d) If at any time after Closing any Toxic Contamination is discovered which is or may be the responsibility of Conrail pursuant to Subsection (c) above, Conrail shall be notified of such Toxic Contamination and shall have the opportunity and right to investigate, determine its responsibility therefor, determine in connection with appropriate governmental or regulatory bodies the appropriate response or remedy for such Toxic Contamination, and remedy, with its own forces or contractors and at its own expense, such Toxic Contamination to the satisfaction of appropriate regulatory bodies or to the additional extent deemed appropriate by Conrail Purchaser shall grant such rights of entry or other rights to Conrail, upon reasonable terms and without compensation, as may be necessary to allow Conrail to perform the inspections, remediation or other actions necessary to comply with this Subsection. In the event of dispute concerning Conrail's responsibility for any Obligation hereunder, the parties shall cooperate to resolve

such dispute as quickly as possible, and Purchaser, unless required by valid judicial or regulatory order to take immediate action to remedy a specific condition, shall during the resolution of such dispute take no actions inconsistent with Conrail's right to seek a determination from the appropriate regulatory or judicial body of the remedy required by law and to remedy the Toxic Contamination with its own forces or contractors. Conrail shall not be hable to Purchaser for any damages, costs or expenses incurred as a result of such Obligation, except that if Purchaser is required by valid judicial or administrative order as provided above to take immediate action to remedy any Obligation which is later determined to be the responsibility of Conrail hereunder, Purchaser shall be able to recover its actual and reasonable costs from Conrail

- 4. Other Physical Condition of the Property Except as provided in Subsection 3 above, Purchaser shall be responsible for
 - (a) all Obligations that arise out of, in respect to, or in connection with, the physical condition, safety, utility, adequacy, marketability, value, suitability or fitness of the Property, or any portion thereof, or any defects therein, including without limitation, Obligations relating to (i) public or private street, bridge, underpass or other crossings, (ii) the demolition of structures or abatement of nuisances, (iii) the flow or obstruction of surface or subsurface waters, (iv) the stability of the soil on, above, over, or adjacent to the property, (v) support for, or by, adjacent property or the collapse of soil or other materials or buildings onto adjacent property, and (vi) the construction, repair, rehabilitation, alteration, maintenance, or use of the Property;
 - (b) Obligations imposed by the regulations or orders of any regulatory or licensing agency, or by agencies or governmental bodies responsible for preserving the public health or safety, the environment, natural resources, wildlife, historic sites, vegetation, public

parks or forests, or wetlands, and

- (c) Obligations imposed by building or construction codes, or licensing, subdivision or zoning requirements, including Obligations relating to licensing, permits, notices, and fees
- 5 Title Purchaser shall be responsible for all Obligations arising from any deficiency in Conrail's title to, or property rights in, the Property, or any rights held or claimed by third parties in or to the Property, except that, if Conrail has knowingly withheld or concealed any document affecting its title or property rights in the Property, Conrail shall be responsible for any deficiency created by such document
- C Indemnity. Except and to the extent otherwise provided in Subsection B.3 hereof, the party made responsible by this Section for any Obligations shall. (1) when possible, satisfy said Obligations, and (2) release, indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the other party (and its directors, officers, agents, and employees) from and against said Obligations. Each party expressly waives, to the extent it lawfully may do so, (i) the benefits of any statute (including the Indiana Responsible Property Transfer Act) that would relieve it of any Obligations that it has assumed under this Section, and (ii) any defense predicated on alleged misrepresentations of fact (other than those contained in Section VI hereof) or the nondisclosure of any pertinent fact.

SECTION VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A <u>Best Efforts</u> Both before and after Closing, each party hereto shall execute and deliver such instruments and take such other actions as the other party may reasonably request in order to carry out the intent of this Agreement Each party hereto shall use its best efforts to cause the transaction contemplated by this

Agreement to be consummated and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to obtain all consents and authorizations of governmental agencies and third parties and to make all filings with and give all notices to governmental agencies and third parties which may be necessary or reasonably required in order to effect the transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

B. Notices All notices, requests, consents, demands, or other communications desired or required to be given or submitted by one party to the other shall be sent by United States express, certified or registered mail, or by a private courier service providing proof of delivery, addressed as set forth below (or to such other address as either of the parties hereto may designate by written notice to the other party). A return receipt shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, date, and time of receipt

If to Conrail:

Consolidated Rail Corporation Two Commerce Square Philadelphia, PA 19101-1419

Attention: Assistant Vice President - Asset Development

If to Purchaser:

William E. Smith President Honey Creek Railroad, Inc 120 E Broadway Street Morristown, IN 46161

- C <u>Termination</u> This Agreement may be terminated by the party designated below, if not then in default, upon written notice pursuant to Subsection B. hereof, in any of the circumstances designated below
 - I By either party, if, after the effective date of this Agreement

as specified in the Preamble hereof but before Closing, an event occurs or a condition within the purview of Section VII B.3 or Section VII B.4 hereof is discovered, which materially affects the safety, utility or economic value of the Property for railroad purposes, or which may materially increase the liability of either party to any governmental agency or other party, provided, if Purchaser is the party seeking termination hereof, such event or condition is not a direct result of Purchaser's negligence or Purchaser's operations or activities on the Property, and provided further that Conrail is given an opportunity to remedy the results of such event or condition promptly after discovery thereof, and declines to do so.

- By the Purchaser only, if a modification of a representation made by Conrail prior to or at Closing, pursuant to Section III.A.(f) or Section VI hereof, is not acceptable to Purchaser Purchaser's election not to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this provision shall constitute an acceptance of any modifications of a representation made by Conrail pursuant to this Agreement, and shall foreclose Purchaser from asserting any rights or seeking any redress which is inconsistent with the modified representation
- 3 By Conrail only, (a) if Closing does not take place on or before June 30, 1993, or (b) if Conrail reasonably believes that Closing would result in a disruption, strike or other work stoppage on or over any part of its system
- D Entire Agreement; Amendment This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and may not be amended except by written instrument executed by the parties. Any previous agreements or understandings between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof are merged into and superseded by this Agreement.
- E <u>Survival of Terms</u> All representations (as modified pursuant to the provisions hereof), warranties, covenants, terms, conditions, stipulations, and

provisions of this Agreement shall survive Closing and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the Parties, and their successors and assigns

F. Assignment.

- Conrail may, prior to Closing, assign or transfer its rights, interests or obligations pursuant to this Agreement, or any portion hereof, and its equitable interests in and to the Property, to Qualified Intermediary, provided that no such assignment or transfer shall prevent performance by Conrail of its obligations hereunder, including the obligations to close as provided in Section III.C.1. hereof, or affect Conrail's representations and warranties herein or the allocation of liability hereunder, or the rights and interests to be acquired by Purchaser at Closing. Qualified Intermediary may, after Closing, reassign any such rights, interests or obligations back to Conrail.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither Conrail nor Purchaser may assign, pledge, encumber, or transfer this Agreement, or any interest herein, without the prior written consent of the other party hereto
- G. <u>Beneficiaries</u> Except as specifically otherwise provided herein, this Agreement is intended for the sole benefit of the parties hereto. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or may be construed to give any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, other than the parties hereto, any rights pursuant to any provision or term hereof, and all provisions and terms of this Agreement are and shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties to this Agreement
- H. Governing Law Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement and the rights and obligations accruing hereunder shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of Indiana and relevant federal law

- I. <u>Appendices</u> All appendices referred to in this Agreement are intended to be, and are hereby, specifically made a part of this Agreement.
- J <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver by either party of any failure of, or refusal by, the other party to comply with any obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any other or subsequent failure or refusal to so comply.
- K. <u>Time. Tender</u> Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. Formal tender of deed and purchase money is hereby waived
- L. Broker Purchaser and Conrail each represent to the other that it has not dealt with any broker in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Agreement. Each party hereto shall assume and indemnify the other from any obligation arising from or in connection with any action by any broker or other party alleging that such broker or other party is entitled to a commission or other compensation, on the basis that it has dealt with such party hereto for the sale or purchase of the Property.
- M Default If either party hereto shall fail or refuse to close as required by this Agreement, shall fail or refuse in good faith to satisfy the conditions set forth in Section III A. hereof, or shall otherwise be in default hereunder, then the other party, if not in default, may at its option terminate this Agreement by written notice as provided herein, and shall have such additional rights, and may exercise such additional remedies, as are afforded by law.
- N. <u>Confidentiality</u> The terms and conditions of this Agreement are confidential, and neither party hereto without the prior consent of the other shall reveal any provisions hereof to any third party (except an employee, attorney or consultant entitled to know the provisions hereof in the ordinary course of the business of the party), except to the extent required by law or regulation or a valid

judicial or administrative order, or except to the extent necessary to comply with the provisions of Section II.A. hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.

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By William E. Smith

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

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Title: M. VIRGINIA EBERT

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Purchase and Sale Agreement

Consolidated Rail Corporation and Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.

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CASE NO. 70537

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION (CONRAIL) ON MARCH 18, 1988 TO THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION AND TO DELEGATE SUCH AUTHORITY AS HE MAY DEEM NECESSARY, THE CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DID DELEGATE ON MARCH 19, 1991 TO THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT-DEVELOPMENT, WHO ON MAY 23, 1991 REDELEGATED TO THE ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT-ASSET DEVELOPMENT, AND WHO ON JUNE 26, 1991 REDELEGATED TO THE DIRECTOR-REAL ESTATE FIELD SERVICES AND DIRECTOR-MANAGEMENT SERVICES (NOW KNOWN AS DIRECTOR-ASSET MANAGEMENT), OR ANY OF THEM, THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF CONRAIL ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE SALE OF THE HONEY CREEK SECONDARY TRACK, BEING APPROXIMATELY 5.95 MILES OF THE HONEY CREEK SECONDARY TRACK (LINE CODE 8222) FROM RAILROAD MILE POST 104.1 IN PRAIRIE TO RAILROAD MILE POST 110.05 IN SULPHUR SPRINGS, HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR THE TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF \$100,000 TO HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC., OR THE NOMINEE THEREOF.

Assistant Secretary
WILBERTA C. JACKSON

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

FOR VALUE received, CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, a Pennsylvania corporation, having a mailing address of Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101-1419, ("Conrail") hereby assigns, transfers, and sets over into HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC., a Corporation of the State of Indiana. having an address of 120 East Broadway Street, Morristown, Indiana 46161, ("HCR") all rights of Conrail, if any, in and to any easements, leases, licenses, covenants, permits, agreements (including but not limited to utility agreements and sidetrack agreements; and pertaining to the Honey Creek Secondary Track (Line Code 8222), as identified in a deed from Conrail to ECR dated Saptaber (2), 1993 (hereinafter collectively referred to the "Agreements"), and with respect to those Agreements which pertains to property not conveyed to HCR by the aforementioned deed (nereinafter collectively referred to as the "Split Agreements") Conrail hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to HCR only that portion of the Split Agreements which pertains to the premises conveyed by the aforesaid deed; being all that certain property of Conrail, together with all the improvements, tracks and appurtenances thereon, being a portion of the line of railroad known as the Honey Creek Secondary Track (Line Code 8222) and identified in said deed dated Saparano, 1993 from Conrail to ECR.

HCR hereby accepts assignment and assumes all the colligations, responsibilities, penalties, liabilities and duties of Conrail under the Agreements and Split Agreements as specified in the Purchase and Sales Agreement between the parties hereto and HCR hereby expressly releases and holds Conrail harmless from and against all obligations, responsibilities, liabilities and duties assumed by HCR and any costs associated therewith from and after the effective date of this Assignment and Assumption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, intending to be legally bound, Conrail and HCR have executed this Assignment and Assumption this , orq day of september 1993.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

M Virginia Ebert.

Asset Management

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.

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RE: Honey Creek Secondary -- Prairie, Jefferson and Sulphur Springs in Henry County, Indiana -- Transfer of Utility Accounts to Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. -- Case No. 70537

Dear

This is a joint letter between Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) and Honey Creek Railroad, Inc ("HCR") requesting the transfer of utility accounts on the Honey Creek Secondary Track from Conrail to HCR.

On September 10 , 1993, by a deed dated September . Conrail sold to HCR its line of railroad known as the Honey Creek Secondary Track, located in Prairie, Jefferson and Sulphur Springs. Henry County. Indiana. Please read your utility meters for the following accounts and issue a final bill to Conrail, this bill should be marked "Final Bill". The services and your accounts therefor should be transferred to Honey Creek Railroad, Inc., whose mailing address is 120 East Broadway Street, Morristown, Indiana 46161, effective Department 1993.

Utility Conrail

Account Number | Account Number | Service Address | Meter Number

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

M. Virginia Ebert

Director-Asset Management Consolidated Rail Corporation 19-3, Two Commerce Square

2001 Market Street

Philadelphia, Pa. 19101-1419

Willer E. Smith

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. 120 E Broadway Street

Morristown, IN 46161

cc. R. Kavana

Payment Processing

- F507 - Please place a \$1.00 limit on

these accounts.

cc: President-Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.

CONSCLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION 200: MARKET STREET P O BOX 41419 PHILADELPHIA PA 19-01-1419

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BILL OF SALE

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

-to-

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.

Property in Prairie, Jefferson and Sulphur Springs in Henry County, Indiana. For:

> Prep: Apvd: Chkd: Desc. Compd.

BILL OF SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, a Corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with an office at Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101-1419, hereinafter referred to as "Conrail", for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1 00) and other good and valuable consideration, to it in hand paid, does hereby GRANT, SELL and TRANSFER unto HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC., a Corporation of the State of Indiana, with a mailing address of 120 East Broadway Street, Morristown, Indiana 46161, hereinafter referred to as the "HCR", all its right, title and interest, insofar as its title or right permits it so to do, in all the personal property located on the property known as the Honey Creek Secondary Track, as more particularly described in a deed of even date herewith. between Conrail and HCR, conveying said Honey Creek Secondary Track to HCR, including but not limited to all rail, other track materials and all other property and appurtenances, both fixed and noveable, located on the Honey Creek Secondary Track and which constitutes personal property under the laws of the State of Indiana, except the radio base stations. radio controllers and related facilities ("Facilities"). which are retained by Conrall, subject however upon and to the covenants, conditions and restrictions hereinafter contained, to which MCR, for itself, its successors and assigns, agrees to be bound as part of the consideration hereof

FIRST. That the said personal property is conveyed by Conrall and accepted by HCR as is and where is, and without any warranties or representations of any nature or kind expressed or implied by Conrall.

<u>SECOND</u>: That HCR as of the date of this Bill of Sale, will assume all liability for future maintenance, repair or removal of said personal property, and shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless Conrail from and against any liability associated with the said personal property and any future maintenance, repair, improvement, replacement, removal or other expenses, whether required by any court or governmental agency, or otherwise.

THIRD: That Conrail shall have access over the Honey Creek Secondary Track as described in said deed for the purpose of removing said Facilities.

THE words "Conrail" and "HCR", as used herein, shall be deemed to include at all times and in all cases their respective successors or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION has executed this Instrument on this/oth day of father, 1972.

WITNESS.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION BY:

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M. Virgin's Ebert, Director-Asset Management

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY

Francis C. Flynn Consolidated Rail Corporation 19-B. Two Commerce Square 2001 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19101-1419

APPENDIX D

Purchase Price Allocation Schedule

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. (HCR) and Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), parties to the Purchase and Sale Agreement to which this schedule is attached, for the sale by Conrail to HCR of property therein described as the Honey Creek Secondary Track, agree that the consideration to be paid by HCR to Conrail, shall be allocated among the assets to be acquired, as follows

Rail and other track				
materials	\$74,274			
Real estate	21,932			
Communications and Signals	3,794			
Total	\$100,000			

APPENDIX E

, 1993

William E. Smith President Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. 120 E. Broadway Street Morristown, IN 46161

Dear Mr Smith

I am counsel to Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), and have examined the Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement), including its Appendices, between Conrail and Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. dated ________, 1993. This opinion is furnished in connection with Section III C 1.(c) of the said Agreement

The Agreement provides that it shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana. In my opinion a court applying Pennsylvania conflict of laws rules would give effect to such choice of law, however, I express no opinion as to what law a court applying any other State's conflict of laws rules would apply.

For purposes of my opinion in paragraph 4 below, I have (1) assumed that a court would apply the substantive laws of Pennsylvania

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, it is my opinion that

- 1 Conrail is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is qualified to do business in the State of Indiana
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This opinion is furnished in connection with the transaction described in the Agreement and shall not be used or relied upon for any other transaction or purpose

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX F

____, 1993

John F. Betak
Assistant Vice-President, Asset Development
Consolidated Rail Corporation
Two Commerce Plaza
2001 Market Street - 19A
Philadelphia, PA 19101-1419

Dear Mr Betak

I am counsel to Honey Creck Railroad, Inc. (HCR) and have examined the Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement), including its Appendices, between Conrail and HCR dated _______, 1993 This opinion is furnished in connection with Section III C 3 (b) of the said Agreement.

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- 3. The execution and performance of the Agreement has been duly authorized and approved by all necessary corporate actions of HCR

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M. Virginia Ebert
Director-Asset Management
Consolidated Rail Corporation
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2001 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19101-1419

President Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. 120 E. Broadway Street Morristown, IN 46161

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cc: President-Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.

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APPENDIX H

FREIGHT OPERATIONS

The terms and conditions set out below shall govern the transition from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) to Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. (Purchaser), or such other railroad as may be authorized by Purchaser to conduct rail freight operations on the Property which is the subject of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Conrail and Purchaser, dated Queet 2, 1993, to which this Appendix is attached. The date of such transition is hereafter referred to as the Operation Date. The term "Operator," as used herein, shall refer to both Purchaser and any railroad authorized by Purchaser to conduct such rail operations

1 Relationship of the Parties

Nothing in this Appendix shall be deemed to constitute either Operator or Conrail as the agent of the other for the handling of any traffic, the billing or collecting of any charges, or the payment of any assessments.

2 Billing and Freight Revenue

A Conrail will be responsible for processing and accounting for all unreported waybills (including freight billing of prepaid shipments originating and waybilled prior to 11:59 P.M., Operation Date) and submission of interline settlements, for all shipments that reach public team tracks or private sidings on the Property (collectively "Sidings") or the interchange yard by 11:59 P.M., Operation Date

B. When Conrail participates in the road haul movement, Conrail will be responsible for processing and accounting for all waybills for all shipments

that reach the interchange yard or a Siding after 11:59 P M, Operation Date. Such processing and accounting will include, as required, freight billing, interline settlements, and overcharge claim transactions

C. Operator is a switching carrier as to traffic exchanged with Conrail, and the processing and account of earnings due it from Conrail shall be made in accordance with the AAR Mandatory Freight Accounting Rules governing switching settlements. Operator shall be responsible for the billing and collection of any local surcharges or tariff charges assessed by it in excess of any allowance paid to Operator by Conrail on inbound or outbound traffic, whether collect or prepaid.

3 Inventory of Loaded Cars

Conrail will prepare and make available to Operator an inventory of all loaded cars on the Property at 11:59 P.M., Operation Date, so that revenue resulting from shipments over the Property can be identified and properly distributed between Conrail and Operator The inventory will show separately

- A Loaded cars at the interchange yard or on Sidings, which have not moved in linehaul service on the Property as of 11:59 P.M.,

 Operation Date
- B. Loaded cars at the interchange yard or on Sidings for which linehaul service on the Property has been completed as of 11 59 P M.,
 Operation Date
- C Loaded cars enroute on the Property, in a train consist or at an

intermediate yard on the Property, as of 11.59 P.M., Operation Date

4. Switching Revenue

- A. Where inbound cars are located at the interchange yard at 11:59 P.M., Operation Date, and no linehaul service over the Property has been performed, Operator shall be entitled to a switch allowance for movement of the cars over the Property.
- B. Where outbound cars are located at the interchange yard at 11:59 P.M., Operation Date, and linehaul service on the Property has been completed, Operator shall not be entitled to a switch allowance
- C Where cars are located on sidings or are enroute on the Property at 11-59 P.M., Operation Date,

Operator and Conrail shall each be entitled to 1/2 of the switch allowance for movement over the Property

5 <u>Miscellaneous Revenue Other Than Demurrage</u>

Revenue from miscellaneous charges or switching bills for service provided by Conrail up to and including Operation Date will be retained by Conrail. Revenue from miscellaneous charges or switching bills for service provided by Operator after Operation Date will be retained by Operator.

6. Demurrage Revenue

Conrail will furnish Operator with detailed placement and other data necessary to compute demurrage charges for all cars subject to actual or

constructive placement on the Operation Date, and Operator shall bill for demurrage accrued on all such cars Demurrage charges accrued up to 11.59 P M. of the Operation Date shall be paid to Conrail by Operator when the customer is billed

7 Switching Charges Assessed By Another Railroad

Charges for switching performed by another railroad on behalf of the owner of the Property pursuant to agreement or tariff, up to and including Operation Date, will be paid by Conrail. Such charges for switching performed after Operation Date will be paid by Operator. Such switching charges shall not be allocated to a revenue movement.

8. Car Accounting

An inventory of both loaded and empty equipment on the Property as of 11:59 P.M., Operation Date, will be taken by Conrail. For purposes of determining responsibility for car hire and car mileage payments, Conrail shall perform a paper interchange of all such equipment to Operator effective as of 11:59 P.M., Operation Date. Car mileage payments and the mileage portion of car hire shall be calculated based on the actual location of the car as of 11:59 P.M., Operation Date. Conrail will be responsible for car hire and mileage payments accrued prior to and on the Operation Date. Operator will be responsible for car hire and mileage payments accrued after Operation Date.

9 Car Hire and Reclaim

Operator is a switch carrier as to traffic exchanged with Conrail and shall be entitled to car hire reclaim pursuant to Rule 5 of the AAR Code of Car

Hire Rules, except that, during periods of peak covered hopper car use as determined by Conrail, Conrail may by notice to Operator limit car hire reclaim to a maximum of 3 days.

10. Billing and Collection

In the event Operator or Conrail erroneously receives payment for billing of the other party, the party receiving such payment shall remit the payment to the party making the billing in accordance with Section 14 hereof.

11 Employee Claims for Lost Work

Operator shall reimburse and hold Conrail harmless from any claims for wages (including fringe benefits) made by Conrail employees, to the extent that such claims are based upon the allegation that work performed by Operator's employees or agents pursuant to this Appendix should have been performed by Conrail employees pursuant to applicable labor agreements

12 Car and Trailer Repairs

Freight cars and trailers damaged on the Property, or requiring repairs not related to damage which are the responsibility of the user under applicable car interchange rules, on or prior to Operation Date, will be the responsibility of Conrail. Those damaged, or requiring repairs not related to damage which are the responsibility of the user under applicable car interchange rules, subsequent to Operation Date, will be the responsibility of Operator.

13 Freight Loss and Damage

- A. Conrail shall be responsible for claims for freight loss and damage which arise from acts or omissions that occur on the Property prior to or on the Operation Date. Operator shall be responsible for such claims which arise from acts or omissions that occur on the Property subsequent to the Operation Date. If the date or location of an act or omission giving rise to a claim cannot be determined, freight loss and damage liability attributable to movements over the Property shall be assumed by Conrail and Operator in accordance with AAR Freight Claims Rules.
- B Operator shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Conrail from freight loss and damage claims arising from acts or omissions that occur on the property after the Operation Date Conrail shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Operator from freight loss and damage claims arising from acts or omissions that occur on the property on or before the Operation Date
- C. This provision is not intended, and shall not be interpreted, as an admission or acknowledgement of liability by Conrail or Operator with respect to any claim for freight loss and damage
- D Operator and Conrail will process claims in accordance with AAR Rules, Principles and Practices Conrail will provide claim or prevention services upon request at an agreed upon cost

14 Payments

Payments required hereunder shall be settled and made in accordance with AAR Accounting Rules

APPENDIX J

FREIGHT RATES AND ALLOWANCES

The terms and conditions set forth below shall goven the establishment and assessment of freight rates and the compensation to be allowed by Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) to the Operator of the Property which is the subject of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. and Conrail, dated 1993, to which this appendix is attached, for freight traffic which is interchanged between Conrail and the Operator:

Rating and Billing Line-haul rates for freight traffic originating, terminating or moving over the Property and interchanged with Conrail will be assessed in accordance with tariffs and contracts applying to or from Muncie, IN

Switching Allowances. For a period of three years, commencing with the date of this Agreement, Conrail will absorb, out of its revenues from rates assessed on inbound or outbound traffic to or from Muncie, IN, an amount not exceeding \$50 per car, for switch charges assessed on movements of grain between Conrail at Muncie and an origin or destination on the Property. These payments supersede any amounts which would be absorbed by Conrail under the provisions of CR Tariff 8001-B and supplements thereto or successive issues thereof. Switching allowances for additional commodities shall be negotiated upon request of either party.

<u>Disclaimers</u> Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any right or obligation on Conrail to provide direct service with its own locomotives and crews to New Castle, IN or any point on the Property Nothing herein shall be construed

to restrict in any way Conrail's right to establish, alter or modify its rates, rate structure, or other transportation terms and charges applicable to or from its station of Muncie or otherwise applicable for customers located on the Property.

BEFORE THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FINANCE DOCKET NO. FD-32332

VERIFIED NOTICE
OF
HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.
FOR EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION
UNDER 49 U.S.C. Sec. 10901
PURSUANT TO
49 C.F.R. Sec. 1150.31

This Verified Notice is filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1150.31 by Honey Creek Railroad, Inc, an Indiana corporation, which is a non-carrier (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant"), to exempt from regulation under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 10901 Applicant's acquisition and operation of a line of railroad (the "Acquired Line") now owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail") extending generally between railroad mile post 104.1 which is located at the intersection of the Acquired Line with the main line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company in Henry County, Indiana; and railroad mile post 110.05 which is located near the intersection of the Acquired Line with County Road 600N in Henry County, Indiana all of which is located in Prairie, Jefferson and Sulpher Springs townships in Henry County, Indiana, a total distance of 5.95 route miles, and described on Exhibit A hereto.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. Sec.1150.33, Applicant hereby states as follows:

(a) The full name and address of Applicant is:

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. P.O. Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161-0646

(b) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the representatives of Applicant who should receive correspondence are:

> William B. Keaton Keaton and Keaton, P.C. 126 West Second Street Rushville, IN 46173-1874

> > and

William E. Smith, President Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. P.O. Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161-0646

- (c) A Purchase and Sale Agreement between Conrail and Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. has been executed by the parties in anticipation of the closing of the sale and the commencement of operations which are expected to occur on or before September \mathcal{H}_{-} , 1993, but after the effective date of this Notice.
- (d) The present operator of the property is Conrail. Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. expects to commence operations on or before the above-mentioned date but after the effective date of this Notice.
 - (e) Brief Summary of the Proposed Transaction:

- (1) The railroad transferring the subject property is Consolidated Rail Corporation, 2001 Market Street, P. O. Box 41419, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1419.
- (2) An agreement was signed between Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation for the acquisition of the line from Conrall on August 2, 1993.
- (3) and (4) The total route miles of the subject rail line, which is now operated by Conrail, is 5.95 miles.
- (f) Attached as Exhibit B to this Notice of Exemption is a map of the rail line to be acquired and operated by Honey Creek Railroad, Inc.
- (g) Applicant certifies that the projected revenues for the line in question will not exceed those that would qualify for Class III carrier status.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1105.6(c), no environmental documentation is required because this proceeding involves authority for acquisition and operation under 49 U.S.C. Sec.10901 which will not exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1105.7(c)(4) or (5).

No historic report is required because the transaction involves the transfer of line for the purpose of continued rail operations, and further ICC approval is required to abandon any service. Applicant has no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to ICC jurisdiction that are 50 years old or older.

Applicant will preserve intact all sites and structures more than 50 years old until compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 470, is achieved.

The caption summary required by 49 C.F.R. Sec.1150.34 is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

VERIFICATION

William E. Smith affirms under the penalties for perjury that the forgoing representations are true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief.

William E. Smith

Respectfully submitted,

KEATON AND KEATON, P.C.

Attorneys for Applicant

Dated: August **26** , 1993

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EXHIBIT "A"

Henry County, Indiana

Honey Creek Secondary, Line Code 8222

ALL THAT CERTAIN property of the Grantor, being a portion of the line of railroad known as the Penn Central Richmond Branch (a.k.a. the Honey Creek Secondary Track), and identified as Line Code 8222 in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Indiana in Record 251 at page 27; further described as follows:

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BEING a part or portion of the same premises which John C. Kohl, as Trustee of the Property of The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, Debtor, by Conveyance Document No. PB&W-CRC-RP-28, dated March 29, 1976 and recorded on October 19, 1978, in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Indiana, in Record Book 252 at page 22&c., granted and conveyed unto Consolidated Rail Corporation.

1993 WL 366886 (I.C.C.)

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD (S.T.B)

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC.
--ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION-LINE OF CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION
Decided: September 14, 1993
*1 Service Date: September 20, 1993

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
[Finance Docket No. 32332]

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc., (Honey Creek), a non-carrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate approximately 5.95 miles of rail line owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation in Henry County, IN. The line extends generally between milepost 104.1, which is located at the intersection of the line with the main line of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, and milepost 110.03, which is located at the intersection of the line with County Road 600N, all of which is located in Praine, Jefferson, and Sulphur Springs Townships. This exemption became effective on September 3, 1993. [FN1]

Any comments must be filed with the Commission and served on: William B. Keaton, Esq., Keaton and Keaton, P.C., 126 West Second Street, Rushville, IN 46173-1874.

This notice is filed under <u>49 CFR 1150.31</u>. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under <u>49 U.S.C. 10505(d)</u> may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr. Secretary

FN1 The parties had expected to consummate the proposed transaction on or before September 4, 1993, but stated that they would not do so before the effective date of this notice.

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September 9, 1993

Mr. William E. Smith, President Honey Creek Railroad 120 E. Broadway Morristown, IN 46161

Dear Mr. Smith

Enclosed are two copies of your loan contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation along with a check in the amount of \$200,000.00 for your rail purchase and rehabilitation project. I am very happy the state is able to make this loan for the important rail rehabilitation work in east-central Indiana.

With regard to the Industrial Rail Service Fund loan agreement, please note Items 5 and 6 on page two of the contract. These reporting requirements must be adhered to as part of INDOT's continual review of all outstanding loan contracts. As described in item four of the agreement, the first payment for your loan is due December 1, 1993; the first day of the third month following your receipt of the funds.

Best of luck with the rehabilitation work on your project. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Debra M. Simmons, Division Chief

Division of Intermodal Transportation

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Exhibit H

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that CONSOLIDATED RAIL
CORPORATION, a Corporation of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania, whose mailing address is Two Commerce Square,
2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19101-1419,
hereinafter referred to as the Grantor, for and in
consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), to it paid,
the receipt of which sum is hereby acknowledged, releases and
quitclaims to HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC., a Corporation of
the State of Indiana, having a mailing address of 120 East
Broadway Street, Morristown, Indiana 46161, hereinafter
referred to as the Grantee, all its right, title and interest
of, in and to the following described premises:

ALL THAT CERTAIN property of the Grantor, together with all of the improvements thereon, being that portion of the Grantor's line of railroad known as the Honey Creek Secondary and identified as Line Code 8222, situate in Prairie, Jefferson and Sulphur Springs in Henry County, Indiana, as indicated on Grantor's Case Plan 70537; being further referred to as "Premises" and described in Exhibit "A" and generally indicated by "PS" on Grantor's Case Plan No. 70537 in Exhibit "B" hereof; hereinafter referred to as "Premises":

UNDER and SUBJECT, however, to (1) whatever rights the public may have to the use of any roads, alleys, bridges or streets crossing the Premises, (2) any streams, rivers, creeks and water ways passing under, across or through the Premises, and (3) any easements or agreements of record or otherwise affecting the land hereby conveyed, and to the state of facts which a personal inspection or accurate survey would disclose, and to any pipes, wires, poles, cables, culverts, drainage courses or systems and their appurtenances now existing and remaining in, on, under, over, across and through the Premises, together with the right to maintain, repair, renew, replace, use and remove same.

THIS INSTRUMENT is executed and delivered by Grantor, and is accepted by Grantee, subject to the covenants set forth below, which shall be deemed part of the consideration of this conveyance and which shall run with the land and be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the respective legal representatives, successors and assigns of Grantor and Grantee. Grantee hereby knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily waives the benefit of any rule, law, custom, or statute of the State of Indiana now or hereafter in force with respect to the covenants set forth below.

(1) Grantor shall neither be liable or obligated to construct or maintain any fence or similar structure between the Premises and adjoining land of Grantor nor shall Grantor be liable or obligated to pay for any part of the cost or expense of constructing or maintaining any fence or similar structure, and Grantee hereby forever releases Grantor from any loss or damage, direct or consequential, that may be caused by or arise from the lack or failure to maintain any such fence or similar structure.

- (2) No right or means of ingress, egress or passageway to or from the Premises is hereby granted, expressly or by implication, and Grantor shall not be liable or obliged to provide or obtain for Grantee any such means of ingress, egress or passageway.
- (3) Should a claim adverse to the title hereby quitclaimed be asserted and/or proved, no recourse shall be had against the Grantor herein.
- (4) Grantee by the acceptance of this Instrument, does hereby accept all existing and prospective responsibility for removal and/or restoration costs for any and all railroad bridges and grade crossings and their appurtenances that may be located on the Premises conveyed to the said Grantee; and Grantee further covenants and agrees that it will also assume any obligation and/or responsibility as may have been or may hereafter be imposed on Grantor by any Public Utility Commission or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction for any and all bridge structures and grade crossings and their appurtenances, including but not limited to the removal, repairing or restoration of same in accordance with the requirements of said Commission or other governmental agency; and Grantee further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Grantor harmless against all costs, penalties, expenses, obligations, responsibility and requirements associated with said bridge structures and grade crossings and their appurtenances.
- (5) Grantor shall not be liable or obligated to provide for or supply directly or indirectly, for money or otherwise, any type of utility service to Grantee, even if the Premises are supplied utility service or services from or through Grantor owned or Grantor retained utility service facilities at the time said Premises are conveyed to Grantee; and that if Grantor at its sole discretion elects to provide any utility service or services for money or otherwise to said Premises during the period during which Grantee is arranging at Grantee's own expense for provision of utility service or services direct from public utilities, Grantee shall have no continuing right to use such service or expectation that Grantor must continue to provide it. It is further understood that Grantee's use of any utilities that are supplied through Grantor's utilities or billed to Grantor by any public utility for Grantee's use shall be at the sole cost and expense of Grantee and if Grantee fails to relocate or arrange for a separation of utility services, Grantor may arrange for a separation of utility services at Grantee's sole cost and expense.
- (6) Nothing hereinabove shall be construed as relieving Grantee of any obligations that it has assumed in the agreement of purchase and sale dated , providing for the sale by Grantor to Grantee of the Premises, which obligations are intended to survive closing.

THE words "Grantor" and "Grantee" used herein shall be construed as if they read "Grantors" and "Grantees", respectively, whenever the sense of this instrument so requires and whether singular or plural, such words shall be deemed to include at all times and in all cases the heirs, legal representatives or successors and assigns of the Grantor and Grantee.

this Indenture to be executed by M. Virginia Ebert, its Director-Asset Management, and attested by its Assistant Secretary, this 1074 WILBERTA C. JACKSON day of September A.D. 1993.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

73. CK NANCY B REYNOLDS

MUigini M. Virginya Ebert. Director-Asset Management

ATTEST:

Steller Assistant WILBERTA C. JACKSON

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said Commonwealth and County, personally appeared M. Virginia Ebert, as Director-Asset Management and Ats AssistanCKSON Secretary, respectively, of CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, and severally acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, and their voluntary act and deed as such officers.

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WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this /or day of September A. D. 1993.

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

Francis C. Flynn Consolidated Rail Corporation Nineteenth Floor, Two Commerce Square Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

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EXHIBIT "A"

Henry County. Indiana

Honey Creek Secondary. Line Code 8222

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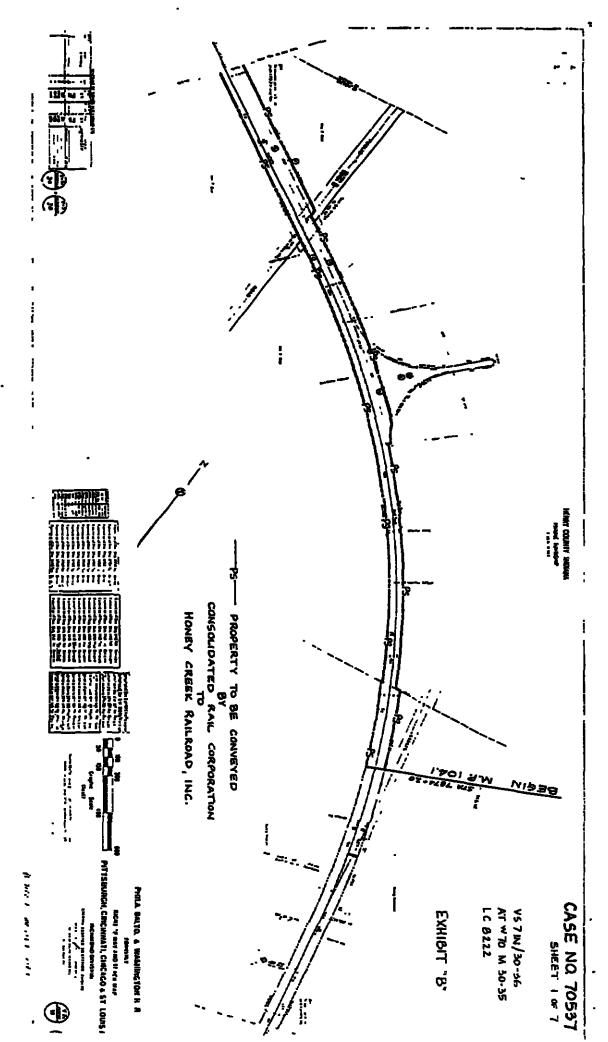
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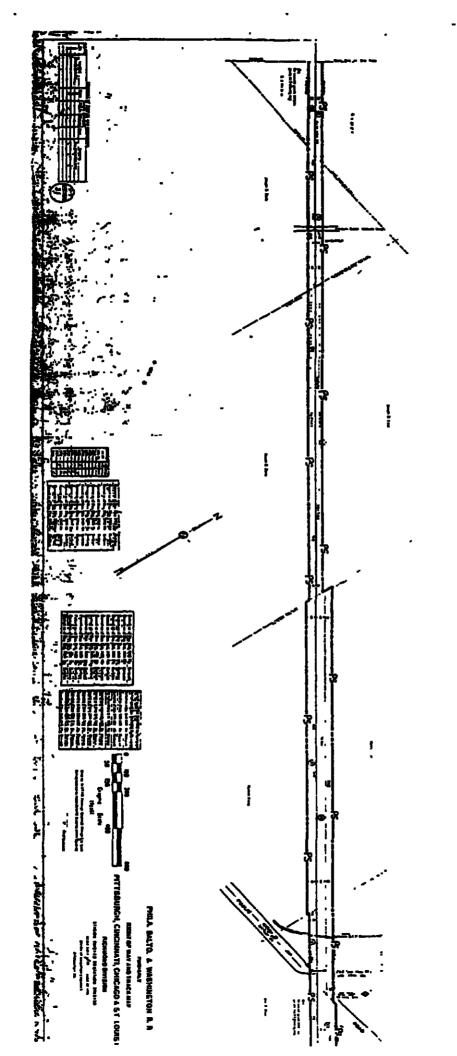
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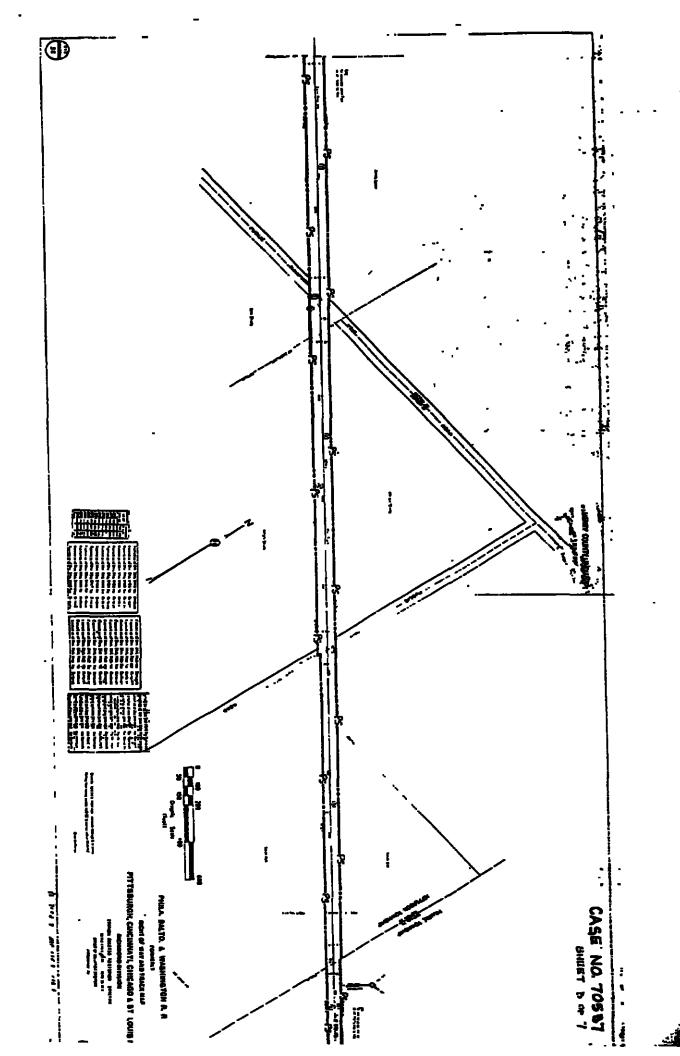
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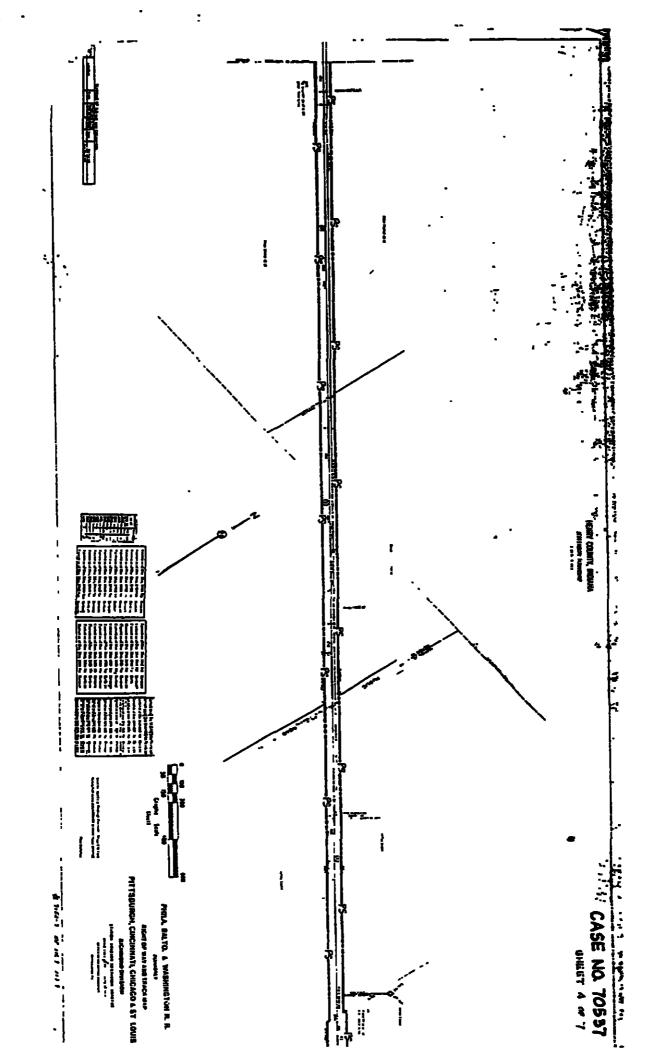
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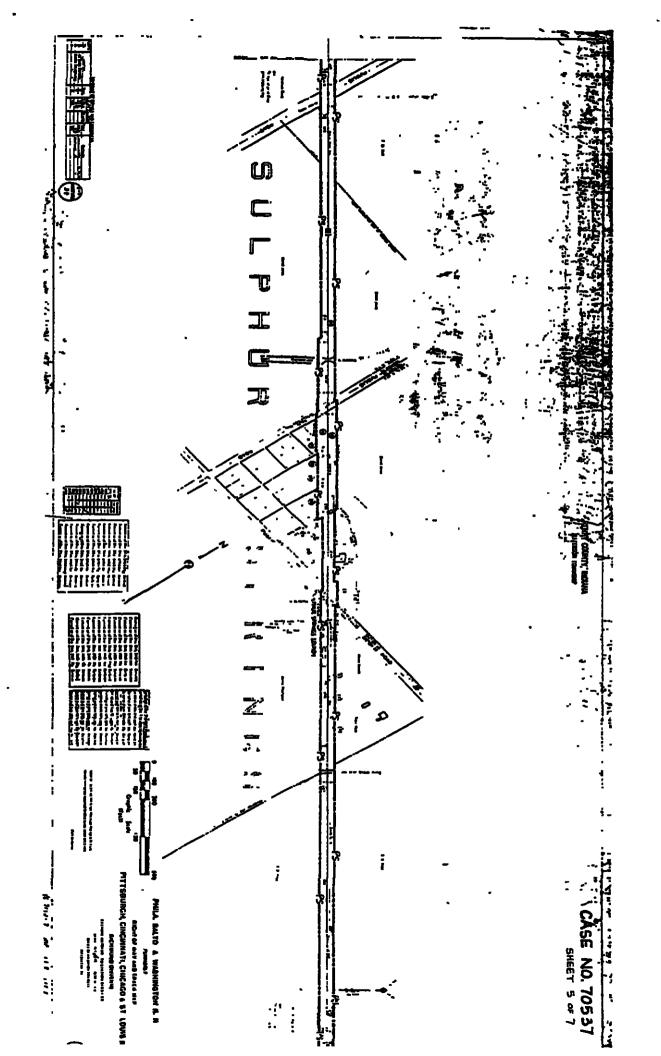


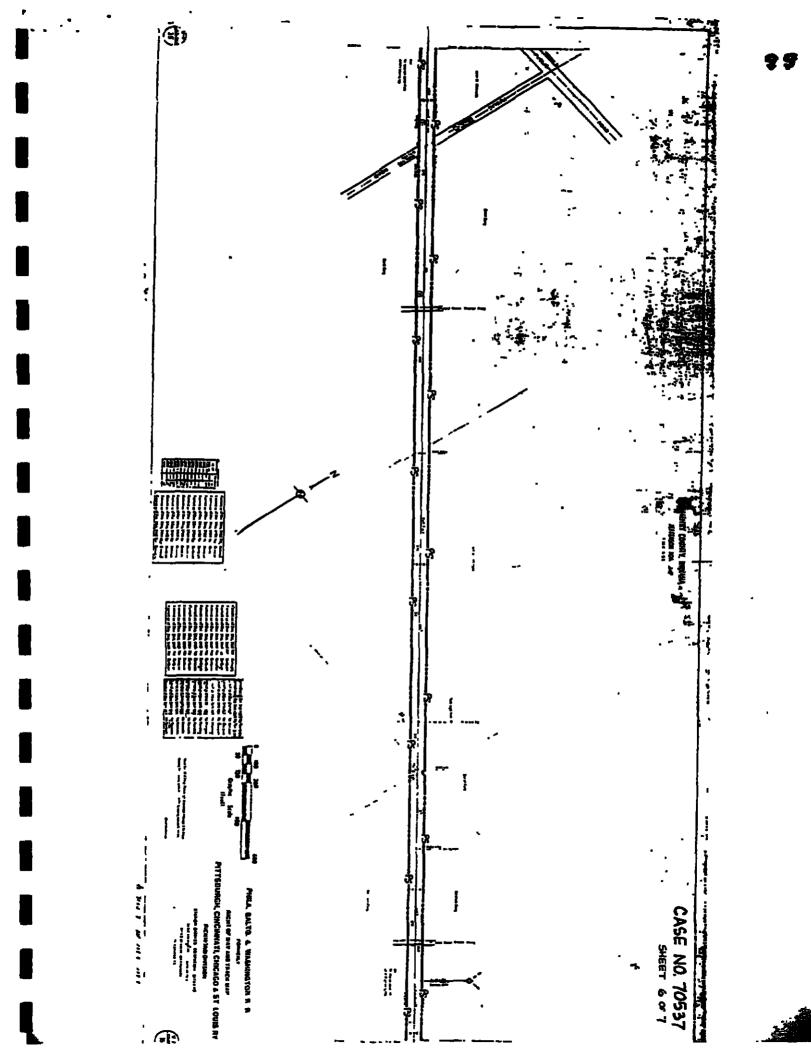


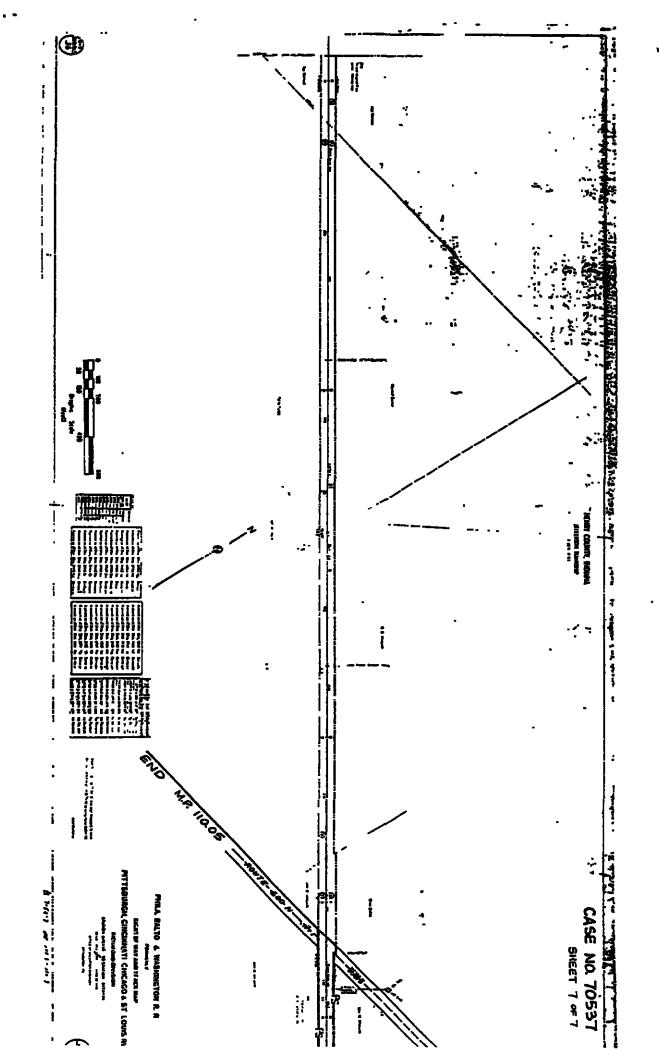
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Customer Listing

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Business Opportunities / Losses

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Last Completed Annual Review (HL only): 94:89

Next Scheduled Profile Update (non-HL):

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ISA's Completed: 0

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Using BDAW (Business Development Activity Worksheet) via e-mail: Nο

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Re:

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc - Petition for Declaratory Order

STB Finance Docket No. 34869

Dear John:

I have had an opportunity to review the deposition transcripts provided by the two individuals from the New Castle County highway department. As you recall, you asked questions to these individuals based on daily work reports which indicated that on August 9, 1996 New Castle County highway crews paved various roadways which included an at-grade crossing on the Honey Creek Railroad line between Sulphur Springs and New Castle, Indiana. In reviewing the county highway daily work report sheets, it is evident that they do not specifically identify that a railroad crossing was paved over, but only that paving crews worked on resurfacing activities on State Route 400 West between State Route 75 North and State Route 300 North. While the Honey Creek rail line crossing clearly falls within this section of highway, the daily work reports provide no indication that the crews paved over the Honey Creek rail crossing on August 9, 1996.

One of the witnesses, Mr. Mark Thornburg recalled paving over the railroad track but was unable to remember the year or the date of the paveover. See Thornburg Deposition, p 15, line 13-20. On the other hand, Mr. Ricky Miller recalled paving over the railroad track and identified that it occurred on August 9, 1996 the date of the daily work report See Miller Deposition, p. 7, line 18-20.

Of course the implication of this testimony is that the Honey Creek Rail line was paved over and out of service from 1996 onward and this testimony directly conflicts with the testimony provided by Bill Smith that service on the line was not discontinued until after the collapse of the Sulphur Springs grain bins in late 1999.

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In an effort to clear up this inconsistency, I asked Mr. Smith if he could confirm the continued operation of the Honey Creek line from 1996 through 1999 and he has provided me with railroad bills of lading and several grain inspection reports which conclusively establish that grain shipments were made from Sulphur Springs, Indiana by Morristown Grain Company in 1999 thereby confirming that the Sulphur Springs line remained in service until 1999 and Mr. Miller's recollection was erroneous.

Given our continuing obligation to provide you with relevant documents pertaining to the STB proceeding in the possession of Morristown Grain, I am providing you with copies of bills of lading for 1999 grain shipments from Sulphur Springs which establish that Mr. Miller was mistaken in testifying that the Honey Creek rail line paveover occurred in 1996. You will note that several of these bills identify Muncie, IN as the origin station, but that is only indicative of the Norfolk Southern rate basing point for these shipments which were all originated from Sulphur Springs, IN by Morristown Grain Company. Thus, it is evident that Honey Creek Railroad continued to make rail shipment of 50 car unit grain trains from Sulphur Springs, IN for interchange with Norfolk Southern in New Castle, Indiana until late 1999

I am continuing to work with my client regarding the other inquiries which you made during Mr. Smith's deposition and I hope to have appropriate responses to those inquiries in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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Shipper/Address:

MORRISTOWN GRAIN CO INC

Third Party: (Account of

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND

4666 FARIES PARKWAY

P.O. BOX 202

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Send Freight Bill To: WAMPLER LONGACRE FARMS

IN 47388

5922 E. HIGHWAY 74

MARSHVILLE

NC 28103

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IL 62325

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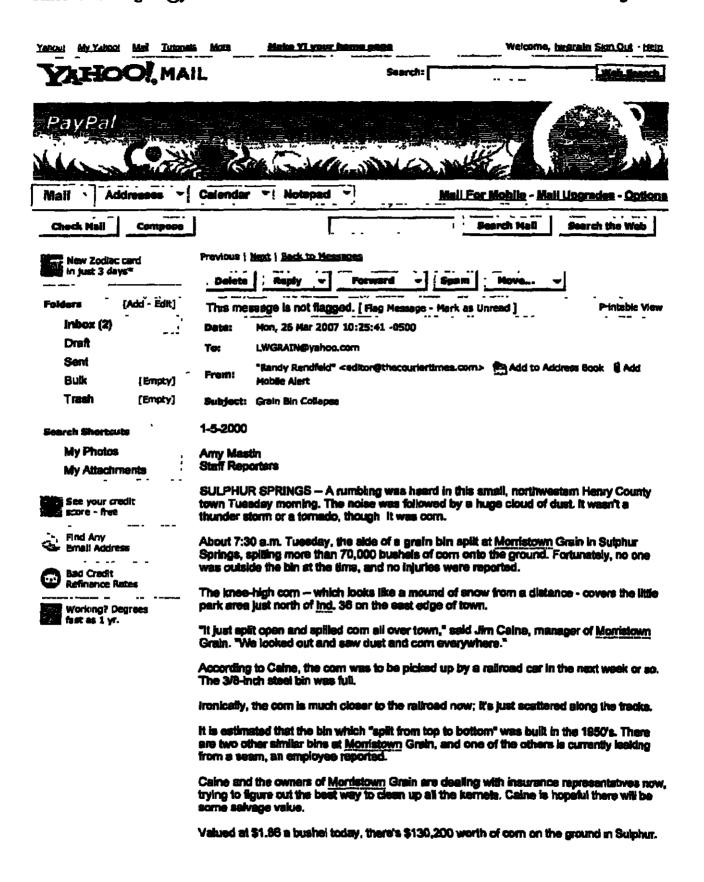
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SULPHUR SPRINGS — A rumbling was heard in this small, northwestern Henry County town Tuesday marring. The noise was followed by a huge cloud of dust. It wasn't a thunder storm or a tornedo, though, it was com. About 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, the side of a grain bin epfit at Montetown Grain in Sulphur Springs, spilling more than 70,000 bushels of corn onto the ground. Fortunately, no one was outside the bin at the time, and no injuries were reported. The knee-high corn — which looks like a mound of snow from a distance – covers the little park area just north of Ind. 36 on the east edge of town. "It just epik open and spilled corn all over town," said Jim Caine, manager of Montetown Grain. "We looked out and saw dust and corn everywhere." According to Caine, the corn was to be picked up by a railroad car in the next week or so. The 3/6-inch steel bin was full. Inchically, the corn is much closer to the railroad now; it's just scattered along the tracks. It is estimated that the bin which "split from top to bottom" was built in the 1950's. There are two other similar bins at Montetown Grain, and one of the others is currently leaking from a seam, an employee reported. Caine and the owners of Montetown Grain are dealing with insurance representatives now, trying to figure out the best way to clean up all the kernels. Caine is hopeful there will be some salvage value. Valued at \$1.66 a bushel today, there's \$130,200 worth of corn on the ground in Sulphur.

Randy Rendfeld, Managing Editor The Courier-Times 201 S. 14th PO Box 369 New Castle, IN 47382 (765) 529-1111 ext. 235

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RICH WHALEY PO BOX 369 ZIONSVILLE IN 46077

ATTN: BILL SMITH MORRISTOWN GRAIN COMPANY INC. PO BOX 646 MORRISTOWN IN 46161

REG CLAIM # 16165
TYPE OF CLAIM: RUPTURE TO GRAIN BIN
DATE OF LOSS: 12/4/99

DEAR MR. SMITH.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED NOTICE OF YOUR BIN WALL RUPTURE AT YOUR SULPHUR SPRINGS LOCATION, I MET WITH IIM CAIN AND EXAMINED THE BIN ON 12/6 AND HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPERTY COVERAGE FORM WEICH WAS IN FORCE UNTIL 12/1/99 A NEW POLICY PERIOD WILL NEED TO BE IN EFFECT AS OF THE DATE OF THE LOSS AND THAT POLICY HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.

I DID REVIEW THE PREVIOUS YEARS POLICY LANGUAGE, AS WELL AS THE NEWEST VERSION OF OR PROPERTY POLICY FORM. THE PREVIOUS VERSION HAD AN EDITION DATEOF DECEMBER OF 1997, WHILE THE NEWEST EDITION HAS A JULY OF 1999 PRINT DATE. BOTH VERSIONS INCLUDE LANGUAGE WHICH EXCLUDES COVERAGE FOR LOSSES WHICH INVOLVE THE CRACKING OF WALLS. THIS LOSS INVOLVES THE CRACKING OF THE LOWER TWO RING SECTIONS OF THE EFFECTED BIN WHICH HAS ALLOWED CORN TO SPILL OUT ONTO THE GROUND. GEVEN THAT THERE IS NO COVERAGE FOR THIS LAM UNABLE TO MAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR ANY ELEMENT OF THIS LOSS — WHETHER IT INVOLVES THE BIN OR CORN WHICH WAS INSIDE OF IT. (HAVE PROVIDED A COPY OF A SECTION OF YOUR PROPERTY POLICY AND DEFINITIONS SECTION WHICH RELATE TO THIS AND HAVE HIGHLIGHED THE NECESSARY PARTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
RICH WHALEY
FIELD ADJUSTER SPECIALIST

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Pursuant to the Consumer Crucit Ratery Act of 1998, effective September 30, 1997, you are informed that:

The consumer reporting agency identified on the front of this form did not make any decisions regarding the stated insurance policy. Therefore, the consumer reporting agency would not be able to provide you with the specific reasons why the insurance company is taking the present action.

You have the right to obtain within 60 days of the receipt of this notice a free copy of your consumer report from the consumer reporting agency which has been identified on the front of this form.

You have the right to dispute inaccurate information by dointecting the consumer reporting agency directly. Once you have directly notified the consumer reporting agency of your dispute, the agency must, within a reasonable period of time reinvestigate and record the current status of the disputed information. If after reinvestigation, such information is found to be inaccurate or unvertisable, such information must be promptly deleted from your records. If the reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute, you may file a brief statement setting forth the nature of the dispute with the consumer reporting agency. Your filed statement will then be included or summarized in any subsequent consumer report containing the information in question.

For complete information regarding the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Law please rater to The Code of the Laws of the United States of America, Title 15, Chapter 41, Subchapter IR, (15 U.S.C. §1881 et seq.)

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 100 North Senate Avenue

Room N755 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2249 (317) 232-5533 Fax. (317) 232-0238

FRANK O'BANNON, Governor CRISTINE M. KLIKA, Commissioner

Writer's Direct Line

January 5, 2001

Mr. William E. Smith, President Honey Creek Railroad PO Box 464 120 East Broadway Morr.stown, IN 46161

Dear Mr Smith.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has reviewed your application for funding from the Industrial Rail Service Fund Program We are pleased to announce your application has been approved in the amount of \$197,446.64. These funds are to be used for the rail infrastructure rehabilitation projects outlined in your application.

Thank you for assisting the INDOT Railroad Section in its goal of helping to rehabilitate shortline railroad trackage in Indiana. Two contracts are enclosed. Please have the authorized official execute both copies and return to our office for signatures. The signatory process at the State takes from six to eight weeks. This is a cost reimbursement program. The Indiana Department of Transportation will not reimburse costs incurred before a purchase order has been issued.

The Rail Section reserves the right to withdraw a grant if this contract is not returned within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding your award, please contact me at (317)232-1474 or Tom Beck at (317)232-1478.

Sincerely.

Venetta Keefe,

Acting Railroad Section Manager

Enclosures



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Joseph E. Kernan, Governor J Bryan Nicol, Commissioner

Writer's Direct Line

November 14, 2003

Mr. William Smith Honey Creek Railroad PO Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161

Mr. Smith:

This letter is in reference to Industrial Rail Service Grant 01-IRSF-21 awarded March, 2001 for \$197,446.64. The grant was for tie/ballast replacement and rail replacement from MP 23 to MP 18.5 in Rush County.

The purchase order for this grant will close December 2, 2003 and any unspent portion of the remaining \$54,040.72 balance will be deobligated on that date as well. Project-related invoices can be submitted for reimbursement until November 24, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (317) 232-1474 or by e-mail at wholifield@indot.state.in.us.

Sincerely,

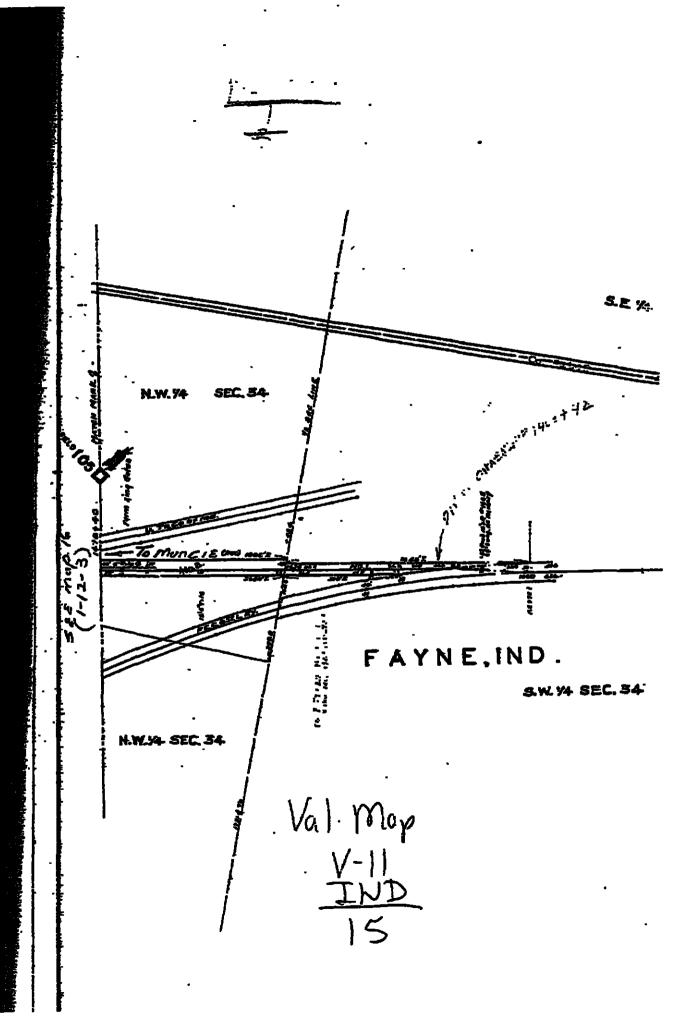
Venetta H. Keefe,

Rail Section Project Manager

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BECK, TOM

From:

MARSHALL, LAVON

Sent:

Tuesday, February 19, 2002 8:44 AM

To:

BECK, TOM

Subject:

RE: Honey Creek Railroad

I hate to be a pest. Were you able to look at this last week? Just wondering.

-Original Message

From:

BECK, TOM

Sent.

Friday, February 08, 2002 14 40

To:

MARSHALL, LAVON

Subject

RE Honey Creek Railroad

LaVon: Thank you for the information about this line. I want to talk to my boss Mike Scime about this situation. I have looked at the loan contract INDOT has with Honey Creek railroad. We loaned them \$200,000 in 1993 to purchase and rehabilitate the Sulphur Springs line. We took a security interest in the line. The rail and the underlying property serve as the collateral for the mortgage. In the contract, it clearly states that Honey Creek cannot take any of the track away without asking INDOT for permission. Until their loan is paid off, I believe we hold title since the rail line is the security for the mortgage. Like I said - I want to talk to my boss about this first. I have not talked with Bill Smith. I think we might want to go take a look at the situation. We may drive up there early next week. I'll let you know as we proceed with this situation. Thanks again for letting us know about this situation

- Tom Beck

Original Message-

From: MARSHALL LAVON

Friday, February 08, 2002 10 49 AM Sent:

To: BECK, TOM Subject: Honey Creek Railroad

A couple weeks ago we inquired about the Honey Creek railroad and if it was abandoned. I recently talked to Bill Smith who informed me that he was ripping rail from just North of SR 38 where it hooks into NS and selling the rail to make improvements to the line that goes to Rushville. I said that made sense but has he filed for abandonment. He stated that he owned not leased the rail and did not think he needed permission. I gave him your number for more particulars. Has he contacted you? He has removed the rail already. What is your determination of this matter? Let me know

LaVon

HOLIFIELD, VENETTA

From:

SCIME, MIKE

Sent:

Tuesday, February 19, 2002 11:46 AM

To:

MARSHALL, LAVON

Cc:

POTURALSKI, JIM; DAVIS, BRAD; GOODE, LARRY; HOLIFIELD, VENETTA

Subject:

Thank You

Lavon,

A big thank you for your phone call this morning notifying us that the Honey Creek Railroad was taking up its track to Sulfur Springs. The railroad has never applied for nor received federal approval to abandon the line. In addition, the railroad has an outstanding loan for the purchase and rehabilitation of the line. They owe INDOT \$124,000. INDOT has taken a first mortgage in the line as security for the loan and removal of the line is a direct violation of our loan agreement.

I have already contacted the railroad and believe that they did not intentionally try to rip us off. They will stop all abandonment activity and will seek permission form USDOT to continue the abandonment. They have also agreed to reuse the materials they are taking up from this line in their other line north of Rushville. We will be amending out loan agreement to allow this to legally happen.

Without you seeing this in the field and making the connection that it needed to be reported to us, we would still not know what was happening the INDOT's legal position in recovering its investment would be jeopardized. Thank you very much for being our eyes and ears in the field.

Mike Scime Rail Section Manager



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Multimodal Division

100 North Senate Avenue, Room N901 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Fax: (317) 232-1499

FRANK O'BANNON, Governor J. Bryan Nicol, Commissioner

Writer's Direct Line (317) 232-1491

February 19, 2002

Mr. William Smith Honey Creek Railroad P.O. Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161

Dear Mr. Smith

As we discussed earlier this afternoon during our phone conversation, INDOT's Greenfield District reports that the Honey Creek Railroad has severed its Sulfur Springs Line and begun to salvage the track materials This is of great concern to INDOT for two reasons

- 1. To the best of our knowledge, HCRR has not requested nor obtained an abandonment certificate from the Surface Transportation Board allowing for the abandonment of this line segment.
- 2. Taking up the rail and discontinuing service on the line is a direct violation of Sections 10 and 14(d) of HCRR's loan agreement with INDOT dated September 3, 1993 which requires the railroad to be maintained and operated for the term of the loan (through 2013).

I must request that HCRR immediately cease all salvage activities and ensure that none of the track structure materials are sold to any third party. As you are now aware, prior to removing rail and discontinuing service, railroads must receive authority to do so from the STB. HCRR should apply for an abandonment exemption with the STB as soon as possible and may wish to contact an attorney familiar with STB procedures to assist with the required filings.

In addition to obtaining proper abandonment authority, HCRR will need to address its outstanding loan with INDOT. Our records indicate HCRR still owes \$124,450 in principle on its loan. HCRR's actions clearly violate the loan agreement with INDOT allowing INDOT, at its discretion, to call for the immediate payment of all outstanding balances. You have advised that it was HCRR's intent to reuse the materials salvaged from its inactive Sulfur Springs Line to improve conditions on its Rush County Line. Since this activity would be consistent with the public policy goals of the Industrial Rail Service Fund, I believe it may be possible to work out an arrangement to allow this transfer of assets between line segments. For this to happen, the following must occur

Mr. William Smith February 19, 2002 Page 2

- 1. HCRR must consent to amend its loan agreement with INDOT allowing for materials purchased with loan funds to be transferred from the inactive HCRR line segment to the active HCRR line segment.
- 2. In exchange for INDOT giving up its security interest in the Sulfur Springs Line, HCRR must agree to give INDOT an equal and primary security interest in the Rush County Line.
- 3. New agreements covering the above points must be signed by both parties and recorded in the appropriate county offices.

I appreciate your willingness to meet with Venetta Holifield and me on March 7th to discuss the details of this issue and tour the Rush County Line. It will help us both to see the property and to get a feel of HCRR's rehabilitation needs. In the meantime, please begin to draw up a scope of work (including material quantities and dollar values) which shows the materials you plan to move between line segments and how they will be utilized on the Rush County Line. I would also appreciate being apprised of any progress you make on the STB filings (please note that HCRR must serve INDOT with copies of any filings) and again offer any assistance that I can provide to help resolve the issues raised in this letter.

Michael Scime

Rail Section Manager



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FRANK O'BANNON, Governor J Bryan Nicol, Commissioner

March 11, 2002

Mr. William Smith Honey Creek Railroad P O. Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161

Dear Mr. Smith.

Thank you for meeting with Venetta and me last Thursday and for giving us a tour of Honey Creek's Rush County operations. You have obviously worked hard to improve track conditions on this line and INDOT is pleased to be cooperating with your efforts through a grant from the Industrial Rail Service Fund (IRSF). We in turn appreciate your willingness to cooperate with INDOT to resolve the issues raised by the abandonment of the Sulfur Springs Line and how that abandonment effects Honey Creeks outstanding IRSF Loan.

In this spirit of cooperation, I am pleased to inform you that INDOT's Chief Legal Council has agreed to the plan outlined in my February 19th letter. Upon taking a new security interest in the Rush County Line, INDOT will be able to release its lien on the Sulfur Springs property. Once the lien is released, Honey Creek Railroad will have clear title to the rail materials on the Sulfur Springs Line and, according to our council, would then be able to use those materials as the railroad's match for the ongoing IRSF Grant project.

In order to make this happen, I ask that you provide me with the following information:

- 1. A legal description of Honey Creek's Rush County Line
- 2. A certified appraisal of the value of the rail materials on the Rush County Line.
- 3. Proof of clear title to the rail materials on the Rush County Line.

As part of the resolution to this issue, INDOT proposes to take a primary lien in the personal property (rail, ties, spikes, plates, etc.) on the Rush County Line. Prior to releasing our existing lien on the Sulfur Springs Line, we need to ensure that there is enough value in the Rush County Line to secure Honey Creek's outstanding loan balance of approximately \$125,000.

Once we receive the above information from you, our legal section will prepare an amendment to the existing loan agreement (Number IRSF -13). Once fully executed, INDOT will file the new lien with the Secretary of State's office and release the old lien at the Henry

Mr. William Smith March 11, 2002 Page 2

County Courthouse Council has advised us that once this lien is released, INDOT will be able to accept the value of the materials from the Sulfur Springs Line as the railroad's match for the Rush County Line grant project.

Until this issue is resolved, INDOT must continue to require that Honey Creek not remove any more track materials from the Sulfur Springs Line. In addition, we will continue to hold payment on Honey Creek's most recent request for reimbursement under Grant Number 01-IRSG-21. Finally, as stated in my previous letter, Honey Creek must file the required paperwork to comply with the abandonment regulations of the United States Surface Transportation Board.

In order to ensure a quick resolution to this issue and in an effort to protect the state's financial interest in this matter, I must request that Honey Creek supply the above information by May 11th. Any inability to reasonably comply with this request could result in INDOT immediately calling the balance of the outstanding IRSF Loan. If you anticipate problems meeting this deadline, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely

Michael Scime

Rail Section Manager

SCIME, MIKE

From:

WHITEMAN, KELLY

Sent:

Wednesday, March 27, 2002 11:09 AM

To:

SCIME, MIKE

Subject:

RE: Mornstown Grant Industrial Rail Loan

A sworn affidavit is fine

Kelly Whiteman
Deputy Commissioner
Chief Legal Counsel
Indiana Department of Transportation
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-5012
(317) 232-0238 fax

e-mail: KWhiteman@indot.state.in.us

----Original Message---From: SCIME, MIKE

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2002 2:44 PM

To: WHITEMAN, KELLY

Subject: Morristown Grant Industrial Rail Loan

You may recall our recent discussion about the railroad with the outstanding Industrial Rail Service Fund Loan which was in the process of taking up its track (in violation of the loan agreement). As a solution, you suggested our taking a new collateral interest in that railroad other operating rail line. In addition to a property description and an appraisal, you said we would need some documentation that there were no other liens or mortgages on the property and that ours would be a primary interest.

The railroad called to ask if a sworn affidavit would satisfy the need for "some documentation". Will it? If not, what do we need?

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EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT SUMMARY

State Form 41221 (R5 / 8-01)

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 Please type all information.
 Check all boxes that apply.

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AGENICY	INFORMATION

14. Name of agency: INDOT – Rail Section, MultiModal Division

15. Requisition Number:

16. Address:

100 N. Senate Avenue, Rm N901 Indianapolis, IN 46204

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AGREEMENT NO. 1

This is an Amendment to the loan entered into by and between the Indiana Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "INDOT") and Honey Creek Railroad (hereinafter referred to as "RAILROAD") dated September 7, 1993.

In consideration of the mutual undertakings and covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

Revisions to terms of the existing Agreement

Attachment A and Attachment B are deleted and replaced in their entirety by the attached Attachment A, and Attachment B

Non-Collusion and Acceptance

The undersigned attests, subject to the penalties for perjury, that he/she is the contracting party, or that he/she is the representative, agent, member or officer of the contracting party, that he/she has not, nor has any other member, employee, representative, agent or officer of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him/her, directly or indirectly, to the best of his/her knowledge, entered into or offered to enter into any combination, collusion or agreement to receive or pay, and that he/she has not received or paid any sum of money or other consideration for the execution of this agreement other than that which appears upon the face of the agreement.

All other matters previously agreed to and set forth in the original agreement and not affected by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

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In Witness Whereof, the parties, through duly authorized representatives, entered into this agreement. The parties having read and understand the foregoing terms of the contract do by their respective signatures dated below hereby agree to the terms thereof.

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Honey Creek Railroad	STATE OF INDIANA Department of Transportation
By: William E. Smith Printed Name: William E. Smith Title: Pres. Attest: Jennela K. Sterrett	Recommended for approval by: Vanceta Kungar Deputy Commissioner Executed by:
Printed Name: Lynda K. Sterrett Title: Bookkeeper	J. Bryan Nicol Commissioner
•	Attest: Charl Whitney Chief Financial Officer
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Attachment A

Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. Property Description of Collateral

Property purchased and originally installed on the Sulfur Springs Line with the proceeds of Loan No. IRSL-12 but now moved and re-installed to the Rush County Line (described in Attached B):

1,880 6"x8"x8'6', cross ties

Four railroad rails (relay rail - 100# PS rail)

16 pairs of bars (relay bars - 100# PS bars)

300 net tons of railroad ballast

All other rail materials and equipment to be used for rail rehabilitation for the Honey Creek line in Rushville

All of the above is to be removed form the Sulfur Springs Line and installed as track and rail bed improvements on the real estate described in Attachment B.

Property already owned with will also secure Loan No. IRSL-12:

All cross ties, relay or otherwise

All railroad rails, relay or otherwise

All railroad bars, relay or otherwise

All railroad ballast

All other rail materials and equipment making up the track structure and rail bed of the real estate described in Attachment B

Attachment B:

The Rail Line beginning at the connection with CSX Transportation and MP 23.8 in Rushville and continuing northward to end of track at MP 18.0 including the real property, railroad right-of-way, road bed, main track, sidings, industrial tracks, depots, yards, storage and parking areas, culverts, bridges, buildings, structures, communication and signal facilities, fixtures, and all other appurtenances located between said mileposts all in "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, HABITABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTING SLIP

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Indiana Department of Transportation
Division of MultiModal Transportation

⇒There are two agreements attached. Each requires an original signature. Please sign both copies.

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RETURN FINAL EXECUTED CONTRACT TO ORIGINATING AGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT Venetta Holifield Keefe AT 232-1474 WITH OUESTIONS

Stephen Carter

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FORWARD TO INDOT - MULTI-MODAL DIVISION

ATTN:

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTE TO FILE:

LOAN COLLATERAL CHANGED FROM SULPHER SPRINGS TO THE RUSHVILLE LINE

RUSH COUNTY

- ♣ LIEN FILED WITH RUSH COUNTY RECORDER 8/12/02
- ♣ LIEN FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ON 8/22/02

HENRY COUNTY

- CONFIRMED WITH HENRY COUNTY RECORDER LIEN PURGED 8/98
- **♣** LIEN TERMINATED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE 9/5/02

Henry County, Indiana

Honey Creek Secondary, Line Code 8222

ALL TRAC CERTAIN property of the Grantor, being a pertion of the line of railroad known as the Penn Central Richmond Branch (a.k.a. the Honey Creek Secondary Track), and identified as Line Code 8222 in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Indiana in Record 251 at page 27; further described as follows:

SITUATE in Prairie, Jefferson and Sulphur Springs in Henry County, Indiana and

REGIMNING at Railroad Station 7874+20, at approximately Railroad Mile Post 104.1, also being Granton's southerly property line in the Township of Prairie as indicated on sheet 1 of 7 in Exhibit "B"; thence extending in a general northwesterly direction passing through the Township of Jefferson and the Town of Sulphur Springs to approximately Railroad Mile Post 110.05, being the northerly right of way line of Route 500 North, as indicated on sheet 7 of 7 in Exhibit "B".

BIING a part or portion of the same premises which John C. Kohl, as Trustee of the Property of The Philadelphia, Saltimore and Washington Railroad Company, Debtor, by Conveyance Document No. PHAN-CRC-BF-28, dated Karch 18, 1976 and recorded on October 19, 1978, in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Indiana, in Record Book 252 at page 225c., granted and conveyed unto Consolidated Rail Comporation.



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March 25, 2002

Mr. William Smith Honey Creek Railroad P.O. Box 646 Morristown, IN 46161

Dear Mr. Smith:

INDOT received the copy of the Honey Creek Railroad's (HCRR) quit-claim deed and purchase agreement. Thank you for providing these documents. They fulfill the requirements of item 1 in my March 11th letter. INDOT also acknowledges HCRR has begun discussions with Railworks, Inc in an effort to provide an appraisal of the rail materials as requested in item 2 of my letter.

Your letter of March 20th makes no mention of item 3 in my original request. That item requested HCRR provide "proof of clear title to the rail materials on the Rush County Line". As explained, INDOT intends to take a primary lien on the personal property (rail, ties, spikes, plates, etc.) making up this line. Prior to executing this lien, HCRR needs to provide assurance through a title company, that no other liens or mortgages exist using this property as collateral.

Once INDOT receives the information requested in items 2 and 3 of my March 11th letter, we will prepare the documents to legally amend our existing loan agreement with HCRR. We continue to anticipate receiving the required information by May 11th. As previously stated, any inability to reasonably comply with this request could result in INDOT immediately calling the balance of the outstanding Industrial Rail Service Fund Loan (IRSF-13).

Michael Scime

Railroad Section Manager



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FRANK O'BANNON, Governor J. Bryan Nicol, Commissioner

Writer's Direct Line

May 24, 2002

Mr. William Smith Honey Creek Railroad PO Box 646 Mornstown, IN 46161

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for providing the materials requested by the May 11th deadline. Enclosed are two supplemental loan agreements that transfer the collateral from the Sulfur Springs Line to the Rush County Line for Industrial Rail Service Loan Number 12.

Please execute both copies and return to Mr. Michael Scime at the following address:

Indiana Department of Transportation MultiModal Division 100 N. Senate Avenue - Room N901 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Once returned, the contracts will be sent through the State signatory process, which may take up to six weeks. If you have any questions, kindly call me at (317) 232-1474 or Michael Scime at (317) 232-1491.

Thank you.

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Venetta Holifield Keefe

Project Manager

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SCIME, MIKE

From:

SCIME, MIKE

Sent: To:

Thursday, August 22, 2002 9:00 AM

Cc: Subject: LOVEALL, LARRY 'mgrain@lightbound.com' RE. Honey Creek Railroad

Larry,

I spoke with Bill Smith, President of the Honey Creek Railroad this morning in response to your e-mail. I advised Bill that it was in his best interest to get his abandonment application filed with the STB as scon as possible. He expressed some hesitation to do this as he doesn't want the right-of-way to revert (as it would once the STB approves an abandonment)

As an alternative, Honey Creek plans to instruct its M-of-W contractor to remove the crossbucks and any crossing signals and to conspicuously remove a section of rail on both sides of each crossing. Once this is done, hazardous materials trucks and school buses are no longer required to stop at the "crossings".

Bill - Please let Larry Loveall at our Greenfield District know when you plan to have this work started and completed His phone number s 317-462-7751

Thanks.

-Onginal Message-

From: LOVEALL, LARRY

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2002 8:33 AM

To:

SCIME, MIKE Subject: Honey Creek Railroad

Interested on where the abandonment status of this railroad

Recently a new company has relocated here and transports hazargous waste, we have received several inquiries of the safety issue surrounding the fact that the general public knows there are no trains possible on this track and do not slow down will not expect these haz mat trucks to be stopped at these crossings. Let me know

LaVon

Before the SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-865-X

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC. - ABANDONMENT IN HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

and

DOCKET NO. FD-34869

HONEY CREEK RAILROAD, INC. PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

REBUTTAL STATEMENT OF FACTS AND ARGUMENT OF HONEY CREEK
RAILROAD AND REPLY TO MOTION TO REOPEN AB-865-X AND
RECONSIDER DECISIONS THEREIN AND TO CONSOLIDATE
AB-865-X AND FD 34869

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Before the SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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LEGAL ARGUMENT

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Even those not versed in the law recognize the centuries-old maxim that "ignorance of the law is no excuse". This maxim, deeply embedded in the American legal tradition, reflects a presumption that citizens know the requirements of the law. The benefits of such a presumption are manifest. To allow an ignorance of law excuse would encourage and reward indifference to the law. Martin v. U.S., 2007 W.L. 1722399 (S.D. Ohio, June 11, 2007)

In this proceeding, it is admitted that Respondent Gary Roberts removed, cut up and converted railroad tracks and ties located within the right of way of the Honey Creek Railroad Company ("HCR") without notice to or consent of HCR. Mr. Roberts asserted in state court that the HCR line was abandoned prior to his removal of the tracks citing the fact

that HCR had filed an abandonment exemption notice with the Board. (Petition of Honey Creek Railroad, Inc. for Declaratory Order, Exhibit C.) What Mr. Roberts apparently did not know and failed to ascertain was whether HCR had fully complied with the STB's abandonment conditions including the abandonment consummation notice filing requirements in 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2). This was information which Mr. Roberts could have easily obtained from HCR or from the STB but he failed to do so.

Upon referral to the Board of the narrow and limited question of the application of the Board's abandonment consummation regulations under Section 32-23-11-6(a)(2) of the Indiana Statute, Roberts now mounts a desperate collateral attack on the merits of HCR's abandonment authorization and the Board's jurisdiction over the HCR line by filing a Motion to Consolidate, Reopen and Reconsider the HCR abandonment proceeding in STB Docket No. AB-865-X. In addition, Mr. Roberts has requested an opportunity to present oral argument to the Board.

The relief sought by Mr Roberts is not supported by the facts of this case or applicable law. The evidence of record conclusively establishes that the STB has jurisdiction over the HCR rail line and that there is no basis under the Board's regulations to consolidate, reopen and reconsider the AB-865-X proceeding. Moreover, there has been no de facto abandonment of the Sulphur Springs line by HCR prior to HCR's filing of its exempt abandonment notice with the Board in 2004 nor could HCR consummate the Board's abandonment authorization without complying with the Board's consummation notice filing requirements.

Mr. Roberts' pleadings before the Board seek relief for a problem of his own making. He has removed and destroyed personal property belonging to HCR (i.e. valuable

railroad tracks and switches) without confirming the ownership of those materials. Thus, he stands before the Board with unclean hands asking the Board to aid in his defense of HCR's state law claims. For reasons of justice, fairness and the proper administration of the Board's rail abandonment policies, the Board should reject Mr. Roberts challenge to its jurisdiction and his attempts to reopen the AB-865-X proceeding. Rather, the Board should confirm the Board's continuing jurisdiction over the HCR line and render an advisory ruling as requested by the Henry County Circuit Court.

II. FACTUAL EVIDENCE AND ISSUES

In the section of his Reply captioned "Statement of Facts", Respondent presents a number of factual allegations which are refuted in Mr. Smith's Verified Rebuttal Statement. In addition, Respondent makes a number of critical admissions which establish that HCR operated as a common carrier railroad and retained its status as a regulated common carrier railroad not withstanding the collapse of the Morristown Grain Company storage bins and HCR's interim removal of 2.2 miles of track from the Sulphur Springs line after that collapse.

First, Mr. Roberts admits that grain shipments originated at Sulphur Spring were handled on an FOB origin basis (Respondent's 6/26/07 Memorandum in Reply, p. 1).

Freight charges for movements from Sulphur Springs were billed on a collect basis to consignees or third parties located at numerous out of state locations, mostly in the South.

These facts are confirmed by the shipping documents appended to Mr. Smith's Verified Statement. (Smith VRS Exhibit J-1). Freight charges were published by Conrail and more recently Norfolk Southern in grain tariffs using the rate basis applicable to Muncie, Indiana. Sulphur Springs, IN was held out by both Honey Creek Railroad and Norfolk Southern as an

active common carrier station in the Open and Prepay Station Tariff OPSL 6000. (Smith VRS Exhibit J). In fact, Sulphur Springs was still listed in that tariff as an active common carrier station in 2005 because HCR has not yet consummated its abandonment authority and has yet to cancel its participation in that publication. (Smith VRS Exhibit J).

Mr. Roberts also attempts to argue by analogy that because the physical characteristics of the HCR Rushville line are similar of those of the Sulphur Springs line and both were operated by HCR utilizing similar equipment and operating procedures, that both lines should be characterized as "spur lines". However, the salient and critical fact which Mr. Roberts ignores is that the Rushville line was abandoned by Norfolk Southern in 1982 and was there after sold to Honey Creek Railroad by Indiana Hi-Rail Corp. ("IHRC") in 1993 as a private, noncommon carrier rail line to serve Morristown Grain's Rushville plant. The Board's orders appended to Mr. Smith's statement and the sale documents between HCR and IHRC confirm the sale of this line as a private line without the common carrier rate and operating obligations imposed in the Conrail transaction. (Smith VRS Exhibits A, C, D and E) In contrast, the Sulphur Springs line was not abandoned by Consolidated Rail Corporation but was sold as a common carrier branch line to HCR and HCR obtained ICC acquisition authority to acquire and operate that rail line as a common carrier railroad. (Smith VRS Exhibit F). Throughout its operation of that line, HCR and its connecting carrier, Conrail, and subsequently Norfolk Southern held themselves out to the public through published tariffs² and the Open and Prepay Station List to provide interstate

² Conrail and Norfolk Southern published tariff rates for corn and other grains using a based imleage scale applicable to all parties in Indiana and other states. See Verified Rebuttal Statement of Ken Pritchard.

HCR has been requested to provide common carrier rail service on the Rushville line by another potential new shipper and will likely file an exemption notice for that line with the Board in the near future

common carrier rail service for traffic which originated at Sulphur Springs and was shipped in interline service to out of state destinations on a joint line move with Norfolk Southern.

The factual arguments and assertions presented by Mr. Roberts' concerning the alleged non-compliance with Indiana DOT filing of train schedules and tariffs are simply irrelevant. Obviously, HCR did not operate scheduled railroad service and as a common carrier it was not required to do so by the STB or by the FRA. Thus there was no schedule to file with INDOT. Moreover, as an origin switching carrier which received its revenues through absorbed switching payments from Norfolk Southern, HCR published no tariffs but received its payment from NS under the terms of Appendix J to the Conrail Purchase and Sale Agreement. As a switching agent for Norfolk Southern, HCR's requisite holding out of common carrier service was achieved through the listing of Sulphur Springs as a joint HCR/NS station and the publication of common carrier tariff rates by NS which were made applicable to shipments originating from the Sulphur Springs station under the Conrail sale agreements.

Moreover, the contention that HCR abandoned all use of the Henry County "spur" in the 1990s is simply not factually accurate HCR did not abandon its rail line; Morristown Grain Co. closed its Sulphur Springs plant after its grain bins collapsed and rail shipments from Sulphur Springs ceased. (Smith VRS Exhibit K). Mr. Smith's Verified Statement indicates that HCR continued to maintain ownership of the Sulphur Springs rail line and tracks and retained the capability to reinstitute rail service in the event that the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant was reopened. The fact that the closing of the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant was not conclusively determined until 2004 is not attributable to any act or omission of HCR or on HCR's unwillingness or inability to provide common

carrier rail service upon reasonable request. Nor did HCR take any steps between the collapse of the Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs grain bins and its application for STB abandonment exemption notice to permanently sever its rail line from the national interstate rail system or preclude its reinstitution of rail service upon the reasonable request of any other rail shipper. The question of whether a rail carrier has abandoned service on a rail line is a question of intent to be determined from all the facts and circumstances. In this case, the unequivocal and unrefuted testimony of Mr. Smith is that HCR did not intend to abandon rail service on the Sulphur Springs line until Morristown Grain determined that its Sulphur Springs plant would not reopen, and then HCR filed its exemption notice with the STB in 2004.

Not withstanding the concerns raised by Indiana DOT with respect to its security interest in the Sulphur Springs line, those facts have no bearing on the common carrier status of HCR. Furthermore, these concerns on the part of Indiana DOT were resolved to the satisfaction of that agency. Mr. Smith provided Indiana DOT with valid and legitimate justifications for deferring the HCR abandonment decision in light of potential adjacent landowner claims against the railroad right of way and the possible reopening of the Morristown Grain/Sulphur Springs plant. Indeed, those issues are still under active consideration by Mr. Smith today given recent inquiries concerning the possible sale of the Sulphur Springs plant and the HCR/Sulphur Springs line for reinstitution of rail service by other firms. The generic references in the INDOT correspondence to "abandonment" only confirms the misunderstanding by the INDOT staff of what a railroad can do with its track. or an inactive rail line.

Finally, Mr. Roberts makes much ado about the paving over of several crossings on the Sulphur Springs line but fails to point out to the Board that the testimony presented by the Henry County roadway crew is inconclusive and is directly contradicted by the fact that the HCR rail line continued in operation and handled multiple interstate rail shipments long after the time which the Henry County crew claimed to have paved over the Honey Creek crossings. (Smith VRS Exhibit J). Mr. Roberts tries to use this inconclusive deposition testimony to aid his contentions of de facto abandonment. However, it is clear that the paving over of certain HCR at grade crossings on the Sulphur Springs line occurred after the Morristown Grain plant closed down. Moreover, with the exception of the State Route 36 crossing at Sulphur Springs, crossing photos presented by Mr. Roberts do not clearly depict that the paveover involved removal of the rails, they simply show the placement of asphalt over the rails in the roadway. But even if rails were removed at the crossings, those rails can be reinstalled in order to resume rail service. Mr. Smith testified that this paving over was not an impediment to reinstituting rail service on the line in the event that Morristown Grain Sulphur Springs plant were reopened. (Smith Deposition p. 94). Moreover, this is not a case where HCR encouraged the paveover of the rail lines in order to frustrate the provision of common carrier rail service. In this case, the facts establish that with the closure of the Morristown Grain plant, there were no other active shippers on the Sulphur Springs line and there was no immediate prospect that HCR would be asked to provide common carrier rail service, absent reopening of the Morristown Grain/Sulphur Springs plant.

In summary, despite efforts on the part of Mr. Roberts to utilize the information he

obtained through discovery and depositions³, none of that information and testimony is relevant to the issues before the Board in this proceeding. HCR did not refuse to provide rail service, it ceased rail operations only because Morristown Grain Company's grain bins collapsed and the plant closed. Litigation between Morristown Grain Company and its insurance carrier extended over several years and, as a consequence, it was not possible to determine until 2004 that the plant would not be reopened. In the meantime, HCR removed and utilized the 132 pound rail from the mactive Sulphur Springs line on its private line in Rushville and Henry County highway crews sometime after 2000 paved over certain crossings. However, Mr. Smith stated that HCR was fully prepared to reinstall the track and clear the paved over crossings if the Morristown Grain plant at Sulphur Springs reopened. (Smith VRS p. 9) Finally as the Board is well aware, if the plant had reopened, Norfolk Southern had a statutory obligation to reinstall its switch connection with HCR at New Castle, Indiana and to resume offering common carrier rail service consistent with the tariff rates published for application to the Sulphur Springs station. These facts do not establish a de facto abandonment prior to HCR filing its abandonment exemption notice with the STB.

The facts presented by Mr. Roberts also confirm the testimony of Mr. Smith that the

At various points in its pleading, Respondent complains that HCR has not provided complete discovery. These claims are disingenuous for several reasons. First, Respondent sought discovery of documents and transactions going back to 1993 from HCR, three years after HCR obtained abandonment authorization from the Board. Given this time lapse, it is not unusual that HCR's files on its Sulphur Springs operations were fragmentary or incomplete. Respondent was also accorded extensive depositions, and HCR attempted to cooperate to the fullest extent possible in Respondent's document production. At no time did Respondent seek a Motion to Compel further document production. Respondent also complains that HCR was able to obtain and produce documents regarding its commercial and operating relationships with Norfolk Southern when NS declined to provide that information to Respondent. However, Respondent again failed to pursue discovery enforcement procedures against NS available to it under the Board's rules and now objects to the very information which it sought from NS after HCR made those documents available to Respondent upon their receipt from NS. Moreover, it is well established that hearsay evidence such as the documents provided by NS to HCR are admissible in administrative hearings particularly where, as here, they clearly constitute routingly maintained business records bearing on the issue in dispute. Thus, it is evident that what Respondent really objects to is the production of evidence that under cut his factual assertions.

Sulphur Springs line was not a spur track used solely for switching purposes but was a branch line used to originate interstate rail shipments through interchange with Norfolk Southern at New Castle, Indiana. Mr. Smith testified that unit trains were switched to and loaded on the rail siding adjacent to the Sulphur Springs line at the Morristown Grain plant (Smith Depo. p. 88-91; Smith VRS Exhibit H), but the line between Sulphur Springs and New Castle, IN was used exclusively in interstate line haul transportation.

Finally, given the absence of rail traffic on the Sulphur Springs line after the grain bin collapse, HCR did not continue expenditures for track maintenance and weed control. However, the physical appearance of a railroad right of way and the absence of rail operations has never been the test for determining whether or not a line is abandoned. Mr. Roberts owned property in the immediate vicinity of the Morristown Grain/Sulphur Springs plant. He clearly knew that the plant had closed and that HCR had ceased rail operations. He had the means and the ability to inquire and determine for himself the exact status of the HCR rail line and the personal property situate thereon. Moreover, as a prudent businessman, Mr. Roberts could and should have sought the advice of knowledgeable counsel before taking it upon himself to remove rail from the HCR right of way. If Mr. Roberts sought advice of counsel and was incorrectly advised as to his rights and legal obligations, then Mr. Roberts has adequate redress for incorrect legal advice in state court.

In conclusion, the factual evidence and arguments presented by Mr. Roberts in this proceeding are riddled with inaccuracies, critical omissions, and have been coopered together in order to bolster legal arguments which are inapplicable to the facts of this case and have no merit.

III. LEGAL ARGUMENTS

1. The facts of record establish that HCR has always been a common carrier railroad subject to the STB's jurisdiction.

In his reply statement, Respondent presents a succinct summary of the law regarding what constitutes a "rail carrier" for purposes of STB jurisdiction. However, proper application of that law to the facts of record in this proceeding establishes conclusively that HCR is a common carrier railroad over which the Board has jurisdiction.

Under the Conrail purchase and sale agreement (Smith VRS, Exhibit E), HCR agreed to acquire and operate the Sulphur Springs line as a common carrier railroad and to obtain ICC authority to do so. In conjunction with this transaction, HCR filed a §10901 application to obtain ICC exempt acquisition and operating authority and that notice was issued by the ICC in 1993 in Docket No. 32332. (Smith VRS, Exhibit F) HCR also agreed to be compensated for its rail services by Conrail through an absorbed allowance paid by Conrail from the line haul revenues generated by rail shipments originated at Sulphur Springs by HCR. HCR's operating and rate relationships with Conral are set forth in Appendices H and J of the Conrail Purchase and Sale Agreement. The Board has long recognized that it is common practice for short line carriers to act as agents for line haul carriers. A.S. Pringle and Co., Inc. v Atlantic Coastline R. Co., 278 ICC 655, 657 (1950). An agency relationship exists in part because the line haul carrier absorbs the short line carrier's charges. Also the fact that bills of lading are issued in the name of line haul carrier only and not the short line carrier and that the line haul carrier and short line carrier do not publish a joint rate or share the division of that rate are indicia of an agency relationship. South Carolina Railways Commission v. Seaboard Coastline Railroad, 365 ICC 274 (1981). When Norfolk Southern Corporation acquired its share of Consolidated Rail

Corporation, it succeeded to Conrail's obligations under the purchase and sale agreement
with HCR. HCR's relationship with Norfolk Southern is confirmed by the Norfolk Southern
Shortline Marketing Profile (See Smith VRS Exhibit I.) Moreover, both NS and HCR held
out Sulphur Springs, Indiana as a common carrier rail station in the Open and Prepay Station
List Tariff OPSL 6000. (See Smith VRS Exhibit J). Through these arrangements, HCR and
NS held themselves out to provide common carrier rail service to the public from Sulphur
Springs, IN.

Moreover, HCR did not conduct rail operations solely to transport Morristown Grain Company commodities as a private carrier. Morristown Grain operated its grain storage silos for other grain owners and sold its own grain and that of its customers to other parties on an FOB origin basis. Thus the grain transported by HCR belonged to different owners and the rates to transport that grain were paid by the consignee purchasers or third party payors, not Morristown Grain Company. The HCR Sulphur Springs line was therefore was not a private carrier operation because Morristown Grain did not own or have any beneficial interest in the commodities transported. Cf. Association of P.C. Dock Longshoreman v. Pittsburgh & Conneault Dock Co., et al., 8 ICC 2d 280 (1992) where the Commission held that the terminal carrier met the "holding out" requirement of common carriage by virtue of its relationship with another railroad and the fact that it transported freight by rail for more

⁴ Domestically within the United State and Canada, the term is used in two common phases, "FOB origin" and "FOB destination" to distinguish when the title of goods passes from the seller to the buyer. Under the term of "FOB origin", the title of the goods passes to the buyer at the shipping point. Similarly, under the term of "FOB destination", the title of the goods passes to the buyer when the goods arrive at their destination. The distinction is important because it determines who pays for the shipping costs of the commodity transported "Whoever holds title to the commodity at the time of its shipping pays for its transportation costs unless otherwise noted (e.g. Freight prepaid or freight collect). It is also important if the shipment is damaged in transit since the owner must file the freight claim. 18 Williston on Contracts 852.11 (4th ed.)

than a single entity. Moreover, a private track typically is purchased or built by a shipper to serve only that shipper, moving only the shipper's own goods, so there is no "holding out" to serve the public at large. Deven's Recycling Center, LLC – Petition for Declaratory Order, STB Finance Docket No. 34952 (January 9, 2007). It is undisputed that Morristown Grain Company did not own the Sulphur Springs line, it was acquired by HCR, a separate corporate entity, under a §10901 Exemption Notice. Accordingly, in light of the foregoing facts, the HCR Sulphur Springs line does not constitute a private shipper owned track. Rather, it is a common carrier railroad track over which the STB has jurisdiction.

2. The HCR line is not a spur line; it is the entire line of HCR from which to originate interstate shipments of grain under common carrier tariffs published by Norfolk Southern applying the Muncie, Indiana rate basis to Sulphur Springs, Indiana.

Once again, Respondent provides a succinct summary of the law regarding what constitutes a "spur line" for purposes of 49 U.S.C. §10906, but then misapplies the law to the facts of record. In this proceeding, HCR acquired the Sulphur Springs line "as a common carrier line from Consolidate Rail Corporation under 49 U.S.C. §10901. HCR was a new carrier and the Sulphur Springs line constituted its entire line of railroad to be used in common carrier operations. The acquisition of any track that becomes the entire line of a new common carrier railroad is subject to STB jurisdiction because, not withstanding the use made of the tracks by its prior owner, the track was HCR's entire line of railroad and was not, as to HCR, a siding or a spur. Effingham R.R. Co. — Petition for Declaratory Order, 2 STB 606 (1997), Reconsideration Denied STB Docket No. 41986 (STB Served September 18, 1998), Aff'd, United Transportation Union v. STB, 183 F. 3d.606 (7th Circuit 1999). As a result of HCR's acquisition of the Sulphur Springs line, HCR preserved the application of common carrier rail tariffs to Sulphur Springs, Indiana so that the line

could remain part of the national rail system to be used by various purchasers of grain from Morristown Grain Company.

In determining whether a track is excepted track under §10906, the Board focuses on the track's intended or future use under the transaction at issue, which may differ from its past use. Nicholason v. ICC, 711 F2d 364, 367-68 (D.C Cir. 1983). If track - even track that is used for purposes such as switching -(1) will constitute the entire operation of the new carrier; (2) permits the using carrier to extend its operations into, or invade, new territory, and thereby alter the competitive balance between railroads; and/or (3) is essential to the through movement of traffic from shipper to consignee, then it is deemed to be a railroad line subject to Board jurisdiction, rather than excepted spur or auxiliary track. Review Trenton Railroad Company - Petition for an Exemption from 49 U.S.C. §10901 to acquire an operator rail line in Wayne County, MI., STB Finance Docket No. C4040 (Service Date May 15, 2003). Applying the "use and/or intended use" test to the facts of record, it is evident that shipments of grain were originated by various owners at Sulphur Springs, Indiana and were transported by HCR to New Castle, Indiana to be exchanged to NS for further line haul movement to destinations throughout the South. Mr. Smith testified in his deposition that HCR would use its locomotives to couple onto empty unit grain trains left by NS on the HCR/NS interchange track at New Castle, Indiana and would pull them to Sulphur Springs and onto the loading siding adjacent to the Morristown Grain plant. When the cars were loaded, HCR would shove the loaded train from the siding out onto the main line track and push the train back down the main line to the NS/New Castle interchange track because there was no runaround track at New Castle. (See Smith Deposition Page 93, lines 11-18). Thus the only switching and loading operations performed by HCR were on

the siding in Sulphur Springs and the HCR movement of loaded 50 car unit grain trains from Sulphur Springs to New Castle was part of the continuous, through line haul movement from origin to destination.

Moreover, the tracks at Sulphur Springs were not stub ended because HCR could use the loading siding to run around a cut of cars or a unit train for reverse moves to New Castle, Indiana. Under its Agreement of Sale with Conrail and Conrail's successor in interest, Norfolk Southern, tariffs applicable to Sulphur Springs, Indiana were published by NS and both HCR and NS maintained Sulphur Springs, Indiana as a common carrier station in the OPSL-6000 tariff. Moreover, HCR originated grain trains at Sulphur Springs for interstate shipments of grain; HCR did not merely provide local switching of the cars from one track to another. Significant sections of the Sulphur Springs line contained 132 pound rail, portions of which HCR removed from the HCR right of way and reinstalled in its Rushville line on an interim basis. Finally, the Sulphur Springs line was sold by Conrail to HCR as common carrier track under §10901 and it does not cease to be subject to STB jurisdiction simply because Conrail abandoned and removed its railroad tracks from the right of way beyond Sulphur Springs. In Seminole Gulf Railway L.P. - Exemption to Acquire and Operate - CSX Transportation, STB Finance Docket No. 31155 (November 30, 1987) the ICC held that it properly exercised jurisdiction over 3.55 miles of 85 pound stub ended track with no stations, platforms, or buildings, no record of regularly scheduled service and only limited shipper use where the track was specifically included within the lines acquired under an earlier notice of exemption. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, the Sulphur Springs line constituted the entire common carner operating line of HCR as a new railroad and enabled HCR to operate its line into new

territory no longer served by any other rail carriers thereby preserving Sulphur Springs as a competitive origin point within the Muncie rate basis area. The Sulphur Springs line was also essential to the interstate through movement of unit trains from shippers to consignees and was acquired from Consolidated Rail Corporation under a prior STB acquisition exemption notice. Because of these facts, the Sulphur Springs line is deemed as a matter of law to be a railroad subject to STB jurisdiction and not an excepted spur track.

3. There has been no de facto abandonment of the Sulphur Springs line because the facts of record and the testimony of Mr. Smith establish that the line has not been permanently disconnected from the interstate rail system.

In his legal argument, Respondent asserts that the Board has no jurisdiction today over the Sulphur Springs line because the rails were *de facto* abandoned prior to HCR's Petition for Exempt Abandonment Authority. In this instance, Respondent has failed to accurately summarize the law and has misapplied incorrect law to the facts of record. Roberts relies on RLTD Railway Corporation — Abandonment Exemption in Leelanau County, MI, Docket No. AB-457 (Sub No. 1X) 2 STB 685, 1977 STB Lexis 281 (Service October 30, 1997). However, RLTD applies only in those circumstances where the rail line is permanently severed from the interstate rail system creating a *de facto* abandonment. However, the Board has held that where a rail line is "still connected to the interstate rail system and has never been severed therefrom, there is no *de facto* abandonment depriving the STB of jurisdiction. Yakima Inter Urban Lines Association — Abandonment Exemption — in Yakima County, WA, STB Docket No. AB-600 (Sub No. 1X) October 27, 2006.

The issue of what constitutes sufficient severance to constitute a de facto
abandonment has been addressed by the STB in several decisions. First, in <u>Burlington</u>
Northern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – Between Klickatat and

Goldendale, WA, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub No. 335X) and Burlington Northern Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Klickatat County, WA, STB Docket No AB-6 (Sub No. 346X) decided June 7, 2005 the Board found that "both BNSF and the trail owners have provided evidence that BNSF specifically retains a connection between the trail and its main line so as to allow for the potential reactivation of active rail service on this rail banked right of way, and that KTC has obtained an easement connecting the trail to the national rail system, which encompasses rights for rail reactivation in the event active rail service on this line is restored. Thus, we cannot find on the record before us that the trail has been severed from the interstate rail network." See also Norfolk and Western Railway Company -Abandonment Exemption – Between Cocomo and Rochester in Howard, Miami and Fulton Counties, Indiana, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub No. 168X) (STB served May 4, 2005) where the Board noted explicitly that all that was required to preserve the connection between a line which was claimed to be de facto abandoned and the national rail transportation system was for a former railroad right of way to connect to an active section of the national rail transportation network. In Atchinson, Topeka and Sante Fe Railway Co. - Abandonment Exemption - In Lion County, KS, STB Docket No. AB52(Sub No. 71X) (June 11, 1991), the ICC addressed the issue of track removal.

track, the carrier's common carrier obligation remains and the line's status continues to be that of a line of railroad subject to the Commission's abandonment jurisdiction. These decisions also stand for the proposition that a carrier may not escape our abandonment jurisdiction simply by terminating service or removing track. For example, in the recent case of Colorado Springs, (Finance Docket No. 31271, City of Colorado Springs and Metex Metropolitan District – Petition for Declaratory Order – Abandonment Determination, (served March 31, 1989)) we declared that a rail carrier should not unilaterally terminate its common carrier obligations simply by claiming that circumstances had made the line an exempt spur. As we noted in Colorado Springs, the carrier removes track on its own initiative at the risk of having to restore the track to meet its common carrier obligation should service be requested. Removal of track alone does not extinguish a carrier's common carrier

obligation over a right of way nor does it terminate our jurisdiction over the right of way. In Bushboom, the Seventh Circuit has ruled, that if a carrier were found to have improperly abandoned line or if abandonment authority to do so was improperly given, the carrier could be required to restore the line to the status quo ante. Thus, the fact that track here has been removed by Sante Fe is not dispositive of the track's status.

Because this track was clearly part of a rail line at one time, we find that it cannot be converted into an exempt spur and the Commission divested of jurisdiction over it solely through the railroad's unilateral decision to change its use of the track segment over time. To find that this is a spur would be inconsistent with our well established policy that where a carrier decides to reduce or cease service and/or remove track, the carrier's common carrier obligation remains until appropriate abandonment authority is obtained. As Sante Fe states, there are many branch lines on which railroads only store cars, or where segments of track have been removed for safety or other reasons. Yet it has never been held that these acts are sufficient to deprive the Commission of jurisdiction over a request to abandon the line. Moreover, there are many instances where a railroad has sought to abandon only a part of the line, with no expectation that this action would change the status of the track which is not abandoned. Based on well established case in this area, we find that this track remains a railroad line until the Commission authorizes its abandonment. (Emphasis added.)

The Board's decision and discussion of these issues in Docket No. AB-52(Sub No. 71X) effectively disposes of Roberts' contentions that the Sulphur Springs line was a spur track exempt from STB jurisdiction or that HCR's removal of rail from the Sulphur Springs severed the line from the national rail network and thereby deprived the Board of its abandonment jurisdiction.

Under these decisions, the Board has conclusively determined that neither the removal of railroad tracks nor the paving over of rail crossings on a dormant piece of rail line constitutes severance of a rail line from the national rail transportation system. In AB-290 (Sub No. 168X), the Board observed: "petitioners claimed that a portion of the (track) segment has been paved over. Norfolk Southern Railroad acknowledges that there may have been some paving over, because the line segment is currently dormant, but it argues that this

would not preclude the use of this segment to link the southern segment to the interstate rail network at some point in the future." The Board found no severance of the Norfolk Southern line in that proceeding.

Having misstated or ignored the factual distinctions in <u>RLTD</u>, Roberts compounds this error by misstating and mischaracterizing the facts of record. First, he claims HCR was not an interstate carrier when in fact the evidence of record clearly establishes that HCR originated interstate rail shipments from Sulphur Springs to destinations in the southern United States. By originating these shipments moving in interstate commerce, HCR qualifies as an interstate rail carrier.

Moreover, Roberts asserts that Mr. William Smith, the owner of HCR had the objective intent to abandon the Sulphur Springs line prior to August 2004. In support of this contention, Roberts argues that the Morristown Grain line north of Sulphur Springs was abandoned by Conrail in 1993 thereby severing the Sulphur Springs line from the interstate rail network at one end. That indeed is what Conrail did beyond Sulphur Springs but Conrail's actions with respect for the line beyond Sulphur Springs have nothing to do with Mr Smith's objective intent with respect to the line from Sulphur Springs to New Castle, Indiana.

Next, Roberts argues that the tracks have been unusable since key crossings were paved over in 1996. First, that argument is factually incorrect because as evidenced by Exhibit J of Mr. Smith's verified statement, the testimony of the Henry County highway crews conflicts with the fact that HCR continued to originate rail shipments from Sulphur Springs throughout 1999 until the Morristown Grain bins at the Sulphur Springs plant collapsed in late December 1999 and January 2000. Moreover, as indicated in the Norfolk

and Western decision, paveover of a dormant rail line does not preclude the reinstitution of rail service on those lines and is not deemed to be a severance of the rail line for purposes of de facto abandonments.

Roberts contends that the sole use of the line was to move hopper cars back and forth to the elevator which collapsed and became inoperable in 1999. However, this argument conflicts with Roberts' claim that the tracks became unusable as a result of crossing paveovers in 1996. Moreover, as previously discussed, where the use of a line is to move loaded hopper cars from an origin to interstate destinations, the line cannot constitute a spur and is not exempt from STB jurisdiction under §10906. Mr. Smith describes the litigation that ensued after the grain bin collapse and which left the resumption of rail shipments from the Sulphur Springs plant unresolved until 2004 when HCR made its decision to pursue an abandonment exemption notice.

Next, Roberts argues that HCR's removal of 2.2 miles of 132 pound rail from the portion of its track just north of the N&W interchange at New Castle, Indiana constitutes a severance or disconnection of the Sulphur Springs line from the national rail transportation system. This contention however does not establish Mr. Smith's objective intent to abandon the Sulphur Springs line. Mr. Smith's testimony establishes conclusively that he recognized that should the Sulphur Springs plant be reopened for grain business, he would have reinstalled rail in order to resume common carrier rail service to and from that plant.

Roberts also asserts that Norfolk Southern removed its switch which connected its track at New Castle, Indiana to the Sulphur Springs line. However, as noted by the STB decisions dealing with the severance issue in the *de facto* abandonments, removal of switches and track does not constitute a severance of a rail line from the national rail.

transportation system. Indeed, if the Sulphur Springs plant could have been reopened,
Norfolk Southern and HCR were under a statutory obligation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §10742
to provide reasonable facilities for interchange of traffic which would have required them to
restore the switch and track connections between the two lines for interchange purposes.

There is no evidence whatsoever that Mr. Smith removed "almost half the track by February 2002." He had removed 2.2 miles of track as noted above and several section of 132 pound rail north of the Sulphur Springs plant which were not necessary for rail operations. The fact that he did not initially report to INDOT the removal of the rails covered by the loan security agreement has nothing to do with whether or not he objectively intended to abandon the line and suggests instead that this oversight on his part is evidence of an intent not to abandon the line or change the status of the line or its future potential for rail use. In February 2002, Mr. Smith upon inquiry from INDOT stated that he had removed the rail but he never stated that the line had been "severed" nor has HCR even conveyed its operating right of way to a third party.

Finally, once again ignoring the documents in the Conrail sales agreement which describe the rail operations and rate relationships between HCR and its connecting Class I carrier, Roberts argues that HCR did not file an operating time table or operating rule book with INDOT as though that were any indication of whether the line was abandoned. Roberts also asserts that HCR made no filing of any type with the STB between its 1993 acquisition of this rail line and its 2004 abandonment application. This statement is completely gratuitous in as much as HCR had no reason to make an STB filing during that time period.

Roberts asserts that HCR intentionally delayed filing for abandonment because it did not want its right of way to revert. This fact does not establish any objective intent to

abandon, rather it establishes a valid concern on the part of HCR <u>not</u> to abandon the rail line and to preserve the rail corridor during the period in which Morristown Grain's litigation with its insurance carrier presented the possibility for reopening the Sulphur Springs plant and reinstituting rail service to the plant.

Finally, Mr. Roberts asserts that there was a blighted condition of track which caused flooding and damage to Mr. Roberts' property. This may have given rise to a civil claim by Mr. Roberts in state court but it provides no evidence whatsoever of an objective intent to abandon because it is black letter law that non use of a railroad right of way does not constitute abandonment.

Not withstanding these factual arguments, Roberts acknowledges that a railroad may shift traffic or rails without conclusively deciding that the right of way will no longer be used for railroad purposes. That is precisely the facts of this case given that HCR's future operation of the Sulphur Springs line remained in doubt until 2004 when it became evident to Morristown Grain that its litigation with its insurance carrier would not result in the reopening of the Sulphur Springs plant and the resumption of rail service by HCR. Thus the actions taken by HCR from 1999 to 2004 provide no indication of any objective intent to de facto abandon the Sulphur Springs line. Rather, just the opposite is the case. HCR ceased operations, tried to utilize its rail assets in connection with other HCR rail operations recognizing that with a favorable resolution of Morristown Grain's dispute with its insurance carrier, it might be possible to reopen the Sulphur Springs plant and resume rail shipments via HCR from that plant. Furthermore, not withstanding all of these factual allegations, none of these assertions, even if true, would constitute a de facto abandonment

because the Sulphur Springs line has never been severed from the national rail transportation system.

4. HCR has yet to consummate the STB abandonment authorization because it has not fully complied with the provisions of 49 C.F.R.§1152.29 (e)(2) and has obtained proper extensions of its consummation notice filing date from the Board.

49 C.F.R.§1152.29(e)(2) provides:

A railroad that receives authority from the Board to abandon a line (in a regulated abandonment proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 10903, or by individual or class exemption issued under 49 U.S.C.§10502) shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line (e.g., discontinued operations, salvaged the track, canceled tariffs, and intends that the property be removed from the interstate rail network). The notice shall provide the name of the STB proceeding and its docket number, a brief description of the line, and a statement that the railroad has consummated, or fully exercised, the abandonment authority on a certain date. The notice shall be filed within 1 year of the service date of the decision permitting the abandonment (assuming that the railroad intends to consummate the abandonment). Notices will be deemed conclusive on the point of consummation if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation (such as outstanding conditions, including Trails Act conditions). If, after 1 year from the date of service of a decision permitting abandonment, consummation has not been effected by the railroad's filing of a notice of consummation, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire. In that event, a new proceeding would have to be instituted if the railroad wants to abandon the line. Copies of the railroad's notice of consummation shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board. In addition, the notice of consummation shall be sent to the State Public Service Commission (or the equivalent agency) of every state through which the line passes. If, however, any legal or regulatory barrier to consummation exists at the end of the 1-year time period, the notice of consummation must be filed not later than 60 days after satisfaction, expiration or removal of the legal or regulatory barrier. For good cause shown, a railroad may file a request for an extension of time to file a notice so long as it does so sufficiently in advance of the expiration of the deadline for notifying the Board of consummation to allow for timely processing. (Emphasis added)

In its August 20, 2004 Order, the Board in accordance of §1152.29(e)(2) imposed as a condition to exercising the abandonment authority granted that HCR file notice of consummation with the Board to signify that HCR had exercised its abandonment authority and fully abandoned the line. The Board's Order also stated, as does §1152.29(e)(2), that "if

consummation has not been effected by HCR's filing of a Notice of Consummation by

August 20, 2005 and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority
to abandon will automatically expire." In accordance with this Order and §1152.29(e)(2),

HCR had considered possible railbanking of its right of way but was not able to conclude an
agreement to do so with a trail organization. HCR had yet to remove its rail from the paved
over crossings and other sections of its right of way when Mr. Roberts decided to remove

HCR's rail from that portion of its right of way running through the Roberts property. As a
consequence of Mr. Roberts' actions, it became necessary for HCR to preserve the
regulatory status quo with respect to its abandonment proceeding pending resolution of the
civil action which HCR initiated against Mr. Roberts in state court. HCR did so by seeking
an extension of the condemnation notice filing date from the Board in accordance with
§1152.29(e)(2).

At the time HCR sought its first extension, it had not fully exercised the STB's abandonment authority because it had not cancelled its participation in the Open and Prepay Station List tariff, OPSL 6000 which lists Sulphur Springs, Indiana as an HCR common carrier rail station. (Smith VRS Exhibit J) In addition, HCR had not removed all of its rails from the HCR right of way and therefore could not have yet restored disturbed soil to original grade or reseeded disturbed areas with native flora as directed by the Board. As a result of Mr. Roberts' trespass on and conversion of HCR's real and personal property, HCR decided to defer the removal of its rail line from the interstate rail network pending the outcome of its litigation with Mr. Roberts. These steps have been taken by HCR not to manipulate the Board's regulatory procedures but rather to protect the legitimate property rights afforded HCR as a common carrier railroad under Indiana and federal law.

In contending that a railroad can consummate STB abandonment authorization without filing a notice of consummation, Roberts constructs a contrived and circular argument that effectively abrogates the regulation it purports to construe. Section 1152.29(e)(2) is premised on the well established principle that STB abandonment authority is permissive, not mandatory. Once granted, a rail carrier may choose not to use that authority and retain its rail line in common carrier status as part of the interstate rail network. Accordingly, until the carrier files the notice of consummation with the Board within the prescribed time, the rail line is deemed as a matter of law to retain its common carrier status not withstanding any other actions or indicia of abandonment by the railroad.

The entire purpose for the Board's consummation notice regulations was to dispense with the "all the facts and circumstances" test for effective abandonment consummation which had to be litigated on a case by case basis. In Ex Parte No. 537, Abandonment and Discontinuance of Rail Lines and Rail Transportation Under 49 U.S.C.§10903 (Service Date December 24, 1996) 1 STB 894, 1996 WL 734579 (S.T.B.), the Board noted that its staff resources had been repeatedly engaged in protracted court cases litigating abandonment consummation issues⁵.

Roberts asserts that while the Board adopted a consummation notice filing requirement, it then indicated that if a consummation notice was not filed "we would continue to look at other facts and circumstances to determine if consummation of the abandonment had occurred." However, Roberts fails to point out that this statement was taken from the STB notice of proposed rule making, 61 F.R. 11174-02, and that statement

Securioner's counsel was a participant in the oral argument in <u>Conrail v. STB</u>, 93 F3d 793 (D.C. Cir. 1996) when the Court admonished STB counsel that the Board should issue regulations establishing a consummation notice filing requirement

was <u>not adopted</u> in the Board's final rules approved in its December 24, 1996 decision in Ex Parte No. 537. In response to comments received in that rulemaking, the Board decided to adopt the one year filing period for a notice of consummation after which if no notice was filed, authority to abandon would automatically expire.

Thus the Board's final rulemaking decision in Ex Parte 537 explicitly rejects

Roberts' contention that consummation can occur without filing a notice or before a notice
is filed. His arguments are totally inconsistent with the concept of permissive abandonment
authorization and the freedom afforded rail carriers to exercise that authority or not.

Moreover, to construe §1152.29(e)(2) in a manner that would reinject the "all the facts and
circumstances" test back into consummation notice procedures would again open the door to
the disputes and resulting litigation over consummation issues which these regulations were
adopted to prevent.

Roberts also asserts that "nothing in the language (of the regulation) ordains that without a notice of consummation, consummation of abandonment cannot occur." That assertion, however, raises serious questions concerning Respondent's reading comprehension because the regulation provides explicitly that unless a notice of consummation is filed within the one year period following abandonment authorization or an extension thereof, the abandonment authorization expires. Not withstanding Roberts' efforts to obfuscate the obvious, a common carrier rail line remains a common carrier rail line subject to STB regulation unless and until a notice of consummation is timely filed with the Board. This filing requirement is mandatory. See Norfolk and Western Company — Abandonment Exemption — Between Kokomo and Rochester in Howard, Miami, and Fulton Counties, Indiana, STB Docket No. AB-290(Sub No. 168X) May 4, 2005, Footnote 3. Until

a carrier exercises the abandonment of authority it has received by filing a consummation notice in accordance with 49 C.F.R.§1152.29(e)(2) the line is not abandoned and the Board's primary jurisdiction over the line continues. (Emphasis added) Almono L.P.—

Abandonment Exemption—In Allegheny County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-842X (STB Service date January 28, 2004). See also Charles Barows, et. al v. Texican Mexican

Railway Company et al., 400 F3d 228, 205 U.S. App. Lexis 2495 (5th Cir. 2005) ("Where an abandonment order is conditional, the STB retains jurisdiction over a railroad right of way until it has been abandoned pursuant to the condition imposed by the agency.")

Thus, Roberts' arguments for abandonment consummation without a notice of consummation are based on a strained and misleading reference to language contained in the STB's notice of proposed rule making which was not adopted by the Board in its final rules. Accordingly, Roberts' contrived interpretation of §1152.29(e)(2) is without merit and should be rejected by the Board.

5. The public interest will be served if the Board confirms its jurisdiction over the HCR Sulphur Springs line.

Finally, this is a case where the Board should confirm its jurisdiction over the Sulphur Springs line for public policy reasons. Common carrier railroads as a result of business fluctuations affecting shipper activity often have rail lines which lose rail traffic and become dormant for months or years at a time. While railroads have the option to file discontinuance of service applications for such lines, in many instances, carriers choose not to do so with the expectation that changes in business conditions, or development of new shipper opportunities may resurrect rail service on a dormant line. Federal rail regulatory policy which promotes the public interest cannot tolerate self serving actions by adjacent

land owners who simply chose to characterize dormant lines as "abandoned" and help themselves to track materials belonging to the railroad. A strong and clear message should be sent to the public that such actions will not be tolerated by the Board and that track materials on dormant common carrier rail lines are not free for the taking.

6. Respondent's Motion to Reopen and Reconsider the HCR Abandonment

Exemption Notice in Docket No. AB-865X is without merit.

Under 49 C.F.R. §1152.25(e)(4), petitions to reopen administratively final abandonment actions must state in detail the respect in which the proceeding involves material error, new evidence, or substantially changed circumstances. Not surprisingly, Mr. Roberts asked the Board to reopen the abandonment proceeding in Docket No. AB-865X but makes no showing that the information and testimony he obtained through discovery has any bearing on the criteria required by the Board for reopening and reconsideration. Roberts makes only a general allegation that "if the Board finds the facts and arguments presented here show there was material error . . . the Board should reopen that proceeding." Thus Roberts' Motion to Reopen through incorporation by reference is intended solely to avoid HCR's claim that he is attempting to collaterally attack the merits of the Board's abandonment authorization in this declaratory order proceeding. However, even if this procedural tactic is proper, nothing in the facts or legal arguments presented by Roberts establishes any material error in the Board's order because Roberts has failed to demonstrate that the Board lacked jurisdiction on any of the grounds he has asserted.

The facts of record and STB and judicial precedent clearly establish that HCR's Sulphur Springs line was not an excepted spur but was used as a rail common carrier branch line to provide interstate rail service from Sulphur Springs, Indiana to destinations

throughout the South. Even if the line had the physical characteristics of a spur (which is does not), it was acquired under an ICC §10901 exemption order and therefore remains subject to STB jurisdiction, not withstanding any of its physical characteristics or use. Moreover, there has been no *de facto* abandonment of the Sulphur Springs line because the line to this day retains a direct connection with the Norfolk Southern line at New Castle, Indiana and has not been severed from the interstate rail network. Finally, HCR has yet to fully abandon the Sulphur Springs line and has not yet filed a notice of consummation with the Board

None of the evidence presented by Roberts, despite extensive discovery, establishes a factual basis for his jurisdictional arguments. Instead that evidence confirms the interstate character of the traffic which was transported by HCR over the Sulphur Springs line as well as the public holding out of common carrier rail service by HCR and its connecting carriers. The removal of tracks from the line and the paveover over of crossings does not constitute the severance of the line from the interstate rail network under the Board's decisions and does not remove the line from the Board's abandonment jurisdiction.

Finally, nothing submitted by Roberts constitutes "substantially change circumstances" that would warrant reconsideration of the Board's abandonment authorization. No new shippers have sought service from HCR on the Sulphur Springs line and while Mr. Smith has received preliminary inquiries, as yet Mr. Smith has not found a buyer for the Sulphur Springs plant or the rail corridor who would reinstate rail service. The only changed circumstances in this proceeding is Mr. Roberts' trespass on and conversion of HCR property.

Accordingly, Mr. Roberts has provided no basis for the Board to reopen and reconsider its abandonment authorization in Docket No. AB-865X and his motion to do so should be denied.

7. The question referred to the Board by the Henry County Circuit Court does not ask the Board to interpret Indiana law.

I.C.§32-23-11-6(a)(2) makes reference to and incorporates as a requirement of Indiana law for railroad right of way abandonment "a certificate of public convenience and necessity relieving the railroad of the railroad's common carrier obligation on the right of way." However, unless and until the railroad has filed a notice of consummation with the Board, the rail line is not abandoned and the STB retains preemptive primary jurisdiction to rule on questions of abandonment jurisdiction. See Almono L.P. supra., Charles Barrows, supra. Accordingly, the questions which the court has referred to the Board fall exclusively within the Board's abandonment jurisdiction and do not seek an interpretation of Indiana law.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons set forth herein, HCR respectfully requests that the Board reject Respondent's collateral challenge to the Board's abandonment jurisdiction in this declaratory order proceeding and confirm for the Circuit Court of Henry County the Board's continuing jurisdiction over the Sulphur Springs line. Further, HCR respectfully requests that the Board deny Respondent's Motion to Reopen and Reconsider the Board's

abandonment authorization in Docket No. AB-865X. Finally, the Board should find Respondent has presented no grounds which justify oral argument.

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